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CALENDAR.

1 Daniel de Crevecuer to Alfred de St: Martin.

Gift of the service due from Emma de Pirefeld in respect of the land which she held of him in the Rape of Hastings; the same to be held of the donor and his heirs in fee; consideration money, 2 talents. — *Witnesses:* J: Earl of Ow, Barth^{w} de Lundresfort, Walter de Gor:, Ra: Flo:, Norman, Stephen de Legi:.

Seal round, 2 inches. Man brandishing sword and bestriding dragon.

2 Thomas de St: Leger to the Abbey.

Grant of his pasture of Farleghe, as he had it in demesne on the day when the monks, A.D. 1176, fined in the sum of half a silver mark to be paid yearly to him and his heirs at Michaelmas. For this the monks give him 3 marks, and his wife 1 talent. — *Witnesses:* Henry the Earl, Robert his brother, Alur: de St: Martin, A: the Countess, Ingelram de Fressenv:, Ralph de Herbervill, Stephen de St: M:, Sanson de Gestl:, Robert de Walil:.

Seal gone.

3 Alured de St: Martin to Robert de Waliland

Gift of West Wateleland for his service, and in exchange for his land of . . . meliege, which Geoffrey de St: Martin had given him before he possessed land in England (bounds given), and the whole of Katebroc, and confirmation of 7 acres of his meadow of Hudeham, lying near the stream called Liminel, opposite a meadow of the Abbat of Battle; the whole to be held of donor and his heirs as freely as said donor holds his demesne of Waliland, by the only service of 1 pound of pepper yearly or *6d.* — *Witnesses:* Jona,

Prior of the Holy Trinity at Hastings, Walter, Priest of Burgherse, Alan de Lunef:, Geoffrey de Waliland, Turstian de Lide.

Seal round, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches sword, with legend. Knight on horse at full speed and brandishing a Engraved in *Suss. Arch. Coll.* viii. 156.

4 John, son of Ingelram de Northie, to the Monks.

Release of all the land of Worth, which he claimed under the will of his father, and of the gift of the Earl of Ow his father, quit of all service save to the Earl. Consideration money to the said John, 10 marks and 7*s.* and to Reinger his eldest brother 6 marks for his confirmation.—*Witnesses:* Alfred de St: Martin, W: de Echingeham, Walter de Scoteni, William de Bodiham, Sanson de Gestl:, Ralph de Peplesham, John de Gill:, Alan de Lundref:, Robert de Wal:.

Seal gone.

5 Renger de Northie and the Abbey.

Confirmation for himself and heirs of the sale of Worth by his brother John; receipt for 6 marks; reservation of 100 loads of wood for his fire and timber for his houses, to be taken only with the assent of the monks who live there, and right of admission for himself, his wife and sons to the society of their house.—*Witnesses:* H. Earl of Ow, A. de St: Martin, A: Comitissa, Sanson de Gestl:, William de St. Martin, Robert de Walil:, John de Gill:.

Seal gone.

6 Gerv: de Osp: to William de St: Martin.

Gift for his homage and service of the whole land of Madresham, as a quarter of a knight's fee, and of all his land held of Robert Borne and his heirs, viz: Smalewde; but as to this latter, subject to the payment of 12*d.* to Robert Borne and his heirs, 2*d.* yearly to the Donor at Oschedenne, and scutage to the King of 2*d.* in the mark.—*Witnesses:* Sanson de Gestelinge, Stephen de St. Martin, Ralph de Elmestede, William Pefforier, Hacman de Hereffectsham, Helias de Passelea, Adam Nieha:, Osbert de Amtune, Horm: de Ledes, Hugh Wastru, Robert del Broc, Richard de Lega, Hugh de Kechenore, Ralph Clerk of Essex.

Seal gone.

7 B: Abbat of Cisteaux, and P: Abbat of Clairvaux, to Henry, Earl of Ow.

Letter conferring on the Earl, and on the soul of his mother, the foundress, all the benefits of the Order, in consideration of his affection for the house of Robertsbride, as reported to them by Dyonisius, its Abbat, and of his gift to it of the prebend of Hastings.

Seal round, 1¼ inches. An upright robed figure with legend. The second seal is gone.

8 Henry, Earl of Ow, to Alan Venator.

Grant, in consideration of his service, and at the request of Lord Alured de St: Martin, of all the lands of Henry Justitor, who had been hung, and all the rents and issues and 7*d.* yearly rent due from Roger; the same to be held of the Abbey of Robertsbridge, by the service of 1 pound of pepper yearly. — *Witnesses:* Ralph de Alpeg:, John de Pikeney, Walter de Focarmont, William de St: Martin, Ren: de Petravill, Thomas de Lumello, Geffrey de Bellosapo, Enq: de Estrivement.

Seal round, 2½ inches. Knight on horse at full speed, with shield on his left arm and his right hand brandishing a sword. Legend, 'Sigillum Henrici Comitis Augi.'

9 Walter de Scoteny to the Abbey.

Confirmation of the land bought by the house, in his fee, of Gillebert son of Gencelin, viz: the land of Wrthe; free of all service save to the Lords. — *Witnesses:* Alured de St: M:, William de Eccingeham, Sanson de Gestling, Stephen de St: M:, Alan de Lundresford, Adam de Basoches, Robert de Waliland.

Seal round, 2¼ inches. Knight on horse with sword and shield. Legend, 'Sigillum Walteri de Scoteni.'

10 Walter de St: Martin to the Abbey.

Confirmation in frankalmoign of the whole fee of Waliland which Alured de St: Martin took in exchange from Geoffrey, father of the said Walter, for the land which the said Alured held of Geoffrey in

Normandy, free of all service save to the King and Earl.—*Witnesses:* Alured de St: M:, Ralph de Apelg:, Wermud de Luviscap, William de Pierecurt, Renald de Pierevile, Sanson de Gestl:, Alan de Lundreford.

Seal round, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches, perfect. Knight on horse, with sword and shield, galloping at full speed. Legend . . . .

11 Rainald de Meiniers and Matilda, his Wife, with the consent of Ingelram de Fressenvile, to the Abbey.

Confirmation in frankalmoign of the whole tenement of Fodilande, with the land of Wicham and Pokelesh: and Todehurst and Bisopland, and all the land and tenement which he held in the Rape of Hastings of the E: of Ow, which Ingelr: de Fressenvil gave in marriage with his daughter Matilda, over and above the fee of Ore; free of all services save to the King and Earl. And because this land came to him through his wife, he has given her £12 of Anjou rent out of his mill at Meiniers, and she has quitclaimed to him all her land in England. In the event of no heirs by him, the said £12 to remain to the heirs of Inglr: de Fressenvil. For this concession the Abbey pays £120.—*Witnesses:* Alu: de St: Martin, Walter Borne, Ralph Dapelg:, William de Pierecurt, Roger de Mein:, Geoffrey de Baus, Simon de Gloc:, Anscier de Fressenvile, Reinald de Pierevale.

Three *Seals*:—

1. Round, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches. Knight on horse, with legend 'Sigillum Re . . . de . . . neriis.'
2. Oval, $1\frac{5}{8}$ inches. A grotesque figure holding, apparently, a child in swaddling clothes. Legend, 'Sigill: M. . . . de Fressenevilla.'
3. Round, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches. Knight on horse.

12 Walter de Scotiniis to the Abbey.

Confirmation of all agreements made by the monks with Reginald de Mainers and Matilda his wife, and Engelran de Fressenvill, as to purchases and gifts of lands of his tenement. Also of one fourth of Setelescumbe, which they bought of Gilebert, son of Gencelin, and 3 virgates of land in Hodleie belonging to the fee of his *lorica* of Haslerse. The monks to perform the services, as other free tenants, proportional to the quantity of their lands, except when they shall

shew quittance by charter of the King and Earl. — *Witnesses:* Hugh de Lundresford, William de Bodiham, John de Gestl:, Ralph le Borne, Robert de Waliland.

Seal round, 2 inches. (Not the same as No. 9.) Knight on horse with helmet and shield, on the latter perhaps an heraldic charge. Legend, 'Sigillum Walteri de Scoteni.'

13 Henry, Earl of Ow, to the Abbey.

Confirmation of the whole fee of Fodilande, which the monks purchased of Regin: de Meineriis and Matilda, his wife, and of Engerh: de Fressenvill; reserving the services due to himself and his heirs. *Witnesses:* Alur: de St: Mart:, Robert de Hast:, John de Pinken:, Robert de Claivill:, Walter de Fulc:, William de St: Mart:, Fulc: de Keisneto.

Seal round (imperfect), 2½ inches. Knight on horse with sword and shield, the latter charged with a bordure indented. Legend, '. . . Comitis A. . . .'

14 Stephen de Cnelle to the Abbey.

Grant of all the land he had in the morass below Eusres, being of his fee of Cnelle, excepting one marsh previously inclosed by Samson de Gestling: subject to the yearly payment of 2 gold coins for all services. The monks to inclose and keep up embankment. Consideration money, 3 marks. — *Witnesses:* Alured de St: Martin, Samson de Gestl:, Robert, his son, Alan de Lunesfod, Michael de Muntes, Hugh Clerk.

Seal round, 1½ inches. An Eagle reguard. pruning his wing. Legend, 'Sigill: Stephi de Chnell.'

15 Robert de Weliland to the Abbey.

Grant for the health of the soul of himself, his ancestors, and Alured de St: Martin, of all his land of Bremlesford, with the rents and villains as he held it of said Alured; of all his land lying between the great flete and 'le fodre' near the acre which Alured de St: Martin gave the house, and all the field near Ruele, formerly belonging to William the Canon. — *Witnesses*: Alured de St. M:, Alan de Lundresf:, Stephen de St: M:, William de St: M:.

Seal round, 2 inches. An eagle rising. Legend, 'Sigill: Roberti de Waliland.'

16 Roger de Swokenerse, son of William de St: Leger, to the Abbey.

Confirmation in fee of all the land which belongs to his fee of Swokenerse, in the moor below Rie, lying between the land of Rob: de Crevequer and Winchelese, and between the land of the Archbishop and that which the monks have in the fee of Farleghe, subject to the yearly rent of 5*s*. Consideration money, 20*s*.—*Witnesses:* Alured de St: M:, John de Gestl:, Robert de Gestl:, William de Hast:, William de Bodih:, Ralph le Borne, John de Gelling, Robert de Walil:.

Seal (detached) round, 1½ inches. A bird standing on a hand extended; in chief a smaller bird, volant, descending. Legend, 'Sigill: Rogeri de Svorenerse.'

17 Roger de Swokenerse, son of William de St: Leger, to the Monks.

This a duplicate of No. 16. Seal and witnesses the same.

18 William de Bodiham to the Abbey.

Grant in frankalmoign of 2 acres out of the meadow called Beruet, next the 2 acres he had given to the Canons of Cumbwell. *Witnesses:* J: prior of Hastings; Elw: dean of Hyenh:, Ralph Borne, Robert de Walil:, Richard de Walil:.

Seal round, 1¾ inches. Knight on horse galloping, with sword and shield. Legend, 'Sigillum Willelmi de Bodiham.'

19 Alan Pollart to the Abbey.

Grant of 2 virgates of land in Eggingethone, being of the fee of Croteslegh and of the liberty of Hastings, and bought by him of Eustace de Burna for 40*s*.: to be held quit of all service, save the payment of 30*d*. when the free men who hold of the fee of Croteslegh pay their rents. Consideration money, 5 silver marks, and to grantor's wife 2 gold coins.—*Witnesses:* Alured de St: Martin, Ralph le Borne, William de Bodiham, Hugh de Lunesford, Robert de Walil:, Alan de Lunesford, Walter clerk of Burgh.

Seal oval, 1 inch. A gem and legend.

20 Alan Pollard to the Abbey.

Confirmation of all the lands, rents, and acquisitions which he once had in the Rape of Hastings, viz: in Robertsbridge and Bissopesland, which he sold to Alured de St. Martin for 9 marks, and which the said Alured gave in frankalmoign to the Abbey. Also of the land of Eggingeth: which he had bought of Eustace de Burne for 60*s.*, and sold to the Abbey for 5 marks and 2 gold coins to his wife Albedra; and the land of Blakebroc held of John Haring: which he had sold to the Abbey for 2 marks, and as a settlement of all claims and demands. Consideration money, 20*s.*—*Witnesses:* Ralph le Borne, Robert de Hoch:, John de North:, Michael de Munt:, Robert de Walil:, Richard Niger, Philip his brother, Geoffrey Cocus, Malger Palm:.

Seal oval, a fragment. A gem with legend.

21 William de Hastings to the Abbey.

Confirmation of the land of Blakebroke of his fee, the gift of Alan Pollart, and which Alan held of John Haring: free of all service. Also 2 acres out of the donor's meadow at Heltuneshath: which his father gave them in frankalmoign. *Witnesses:* Alured de St: M:, Ralph le Borne, William de Bodih:, Hugh de Lund:, Robert de Walil:, John de Gill:.

Seal round, 1¼ inch. A four-footed animal statant, with legend.

22 William de Hastings to the Abbey.

This document is a duplicate of No. 21.

23 The Abbat of Robertsbridge and Reginald de Esburneham.

1 Oct. 1194.

Final concord made in the King's Court at Lewes, Saturday next after the feast of St. Michael, 6 R: I., before Gilbert, Bishop of Rochester, Osbert Fitzhervei, William de Aubervill, King's Justices, and others, by which Reginald grants the Abbat all the land of Dudewell, subject to the yearly rent of half a silver mark for all service save the King's. Consideration money, 9*s.* to Reginald, and ½ a mark to Stephen, his son.

24 1195. **The Church of St: Mary at Hastings and the Abbey.**

An agreement, dated 1195, by which the Church at Hastings is to receive the tithes of all the lands of Fudiland which belong to the treasury of the said Church, except of those in the occupation of the monks; and as to the land which Alured de St: Martin held, viz: Ierchneselle and Elham, which belong to the prebend of John de Calceto, the monks to pay yearly to said John and heirs 6*s.* at Mich[s]: Also the Church of Hyeste is to receive the tithes of all the monks' lands appurtenant to it, except of such as are in the monks' occupation, and from which they take the tithe in accordance with their privilege. Grant by the Abbey to the Church of Hyerste of 1½ acres of land in Bradewisse. Made in the presence of Seffrid, the second, Bishop of Chichester, and with his assent, in the time of William, abbat of Robertsbridge, and of Henry de Ow, dean of St. Mary's, Hastings.—*Witnesses:* R: abbat of Boxley, and Osbert and Henry, John, Thomas, canons of the same Church, Peter the dean, Hugh of Hyerste.

Seal oval, 3 inches. B.V.M. seated, holding a model of a church in her right hand and a slip of lily in her left. Legend, 'Sigillum Ecclie See Marie de Hastingis.'

25 1195. **The Church of St: Mary, Hastings, and the Abbey.**

Agreement, same as No. 24, but without mention of Hyeste. Made in the time of William, abbat of Robertsbridge, and Henry of Ow, dean of St: Mary's, Hastings; dated 1195.—*Witnesses:* Robert, abbat of Boxley; Osbert, canon; Henry, canon; Thomas, canon of the same Church of Hastings; Peter, the dean; Justin:; William de Sorham; Hugh de Yherst, vicar of said Church of Hastings.

Seals:—

1. Oval, 3 inches. B.V.M. seated, holding model of a church in her right hand and a slip of lily in her left. Legend, 'Sigillum Eccle . . . . de . . . . gis.'
2. Oval, 1½ inches. A priest with pastoral staff standing. Legend, 'Sigil. . . . Abbatis de Ponte Roberti.' Secretum, a hand extended holding a cross.

This second seal is engraved in *Suss. Arch. Coll.* viii. 171.

26 H: the Dean and the Chapter of St: Mary's Church, Hastings, to the Abbey.

Remission of the dispute between John the canon and the monks, relative to Elhamme, which the said John claimed to belong to his prebend; the monks having given said John and his prebend 35 acres of land in Iringesfeld, of the fee of Waliland, next the road from Robertsbridge to Hastings, and beside that of Robert de Whatlingetune.—*Witnesses:* Zacharias the priest; Peter, Alw:, John de Farle, priests; Robert, Justinian, Peter, Henry, vicars; William de Bodiham, Ralph le Borne, Hugh de Lund:, Robert de Guestl:.

Seal oval, 3 inches. Device, B V.M., seated, holding a model of church in her right hand, and a slip of lily in her left. Legend, 'Sigillum Eccle Sce Marie de Hastingis.'

27 H: the Dean and the Chapter of St: Mary's, Hastings, to the Abbey.

Remission of dispute relative to Elhamme, similar to the preceding.—*Witnesses:* Same as in 26, except that John de Farle is called John de Fale.

Seal of St: Mary's Church, Hastings, the same as No. 26.

28 John de Calceto, Canon of St: Mary's, Hastings, to the Abbey.

Remission of dispute relative to Elhamme, similar to the preceding.—*Witnesses:* Alured de St. Martin, Samson de Gesteling, Michael de Torneham, William de Bodiham, Ralph Strabone, Hugh de Lundresford, Robert de Gesteling, Ralph de Relesham, Stephen Haringod, Michael de Muntes, Robert de Waniland.

Seal of St: Mary's Church, Hastings, the same as No. 26.

29 Robert de Padiham to the Abbey.

Sale of Robert Milo, son of Helewise widow of Padiham, quit of him and his heirs.—*Witnesses:* Robert de Lurding:, Reginald de Hechen:, William his son, Clem: son of Robert de Lurding:, Philip de Padiham.

Seal oval, 1½ inch. A rude quatrefoil. Legend, 'Sigill: Roberti de Padih.'

30 Randulf de Hettchdenne to the Monks.

Confirmation of the grant made them by William fitzBass and his sons of the marsh held by said William, in the parish of Stane Moxenell, of his fee of Hectin; the same to be held of said William and his heirs, quit of all service to Randulf. — *Witnesses:* Sanson de Gest:, Stephen de Werch, Henry canon of Hastings, Robert de Waliland, Ormer Vigil, Walo de Maih:, Benedict de Hondhelde, Augustus, clerk of Oxenel.

Matilda, his mother, assents to and approves of this deed.

Seal round, 2¼ inches. An armed knight on horse riding to the dexter, and holding a penon charged with a saltire. Legend, 'Ranulfi de Etindene.'

31 Randulf de Hetchinden to the Monks.

Sale for 100*s.*, on his journey to Jerusalem, of all his right in the tenement of Croke, in Oxenell, and of Wokele, and all the tenement of Fugelesbroc, and whatever interest he had in his tenement of Idenne, and the tenement of Gilbert Cinerarius of Hecthinden, which is rated as 8 acres of arable, and 4 acres of meadow, and which Widow Leuiva held; subject to the yearly payment of 6*d.* for all service save the King's, viz: 10*s.* 7¾*d.* in every 20*s.* scutage, and 7*s.* 1*d.* for marriage when it happens. The consideration is the discharge of a debt of £40 to the Jews. — *Witnesses:* Master Firm:, William Cappell:, Hamo parson of Werehorn, Amfred de Dene, William de Arderne, Ormer Vigil, Ailmer de Mapelesden, Norman de Mapelesden.

Seal the same as No. 30.

32 Roger de St: Martin and the Monks.

Confirmation of agreements made between them and Rand: de Echend:, as contained in a cyrograph entered into in the King's Court, and testified by Randulf's charter. — *Witnesses:* John abbat of Cumbewell, Master Firminus, Amfred de Dene, Ralph le Borne.

Seal round, 1¼ inch. A plant of some kind. Legend, 'S: Rogeri de Sco: Mar. . . .' Secretum, A bird pruning his wing.

33 Randulf de Hethindenne to the Monks.

Confirmation of all the tenements, rents, and services they held of him under charters of his first seal, viz: those comprised in No. 31, and grant out of his demesne of 12 acres of meadow, called Fuggesbroc mead, and lying in Hethinden; subject to the yearly payment of 6*d.* for all service save the King's scutage, viz: 7*s.* 1*d.* in the mark, of which scutage they are to acquit him at the Court of Maiham. For the innovation of the present seal, and for his charter, the monks give him 10*s.*—*Witnesses:* Ralph le Borne, Hugh de Lun:, William de Bodiham, Robert son of Alan, Ormer le Waite, Gocelin and James his sons, Ralph de Mapellesden, Norman de Mapellesden, Hubert de Maiham.

Seal oval, 2 inches. A leaf pendent. Legend, 'Sigill: Rand. . . . de Hethinden.'

34 Randulf de Hetchindenn to the Monks.

Grant in frankalmoign, out of his demesne, of 12 acres of meadow, called Fuggesbroc mead, to hold in their demesne, or dispose of, as they like.—*Witnesses:* Ralph le Borne, Gocelin and James his sons, Ralph de Mapellesd:, Norman de Mapellesd:, Hubert de Maiham.

Seal oval, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches. A leaf pendent. Legend, 'Sigill: Randulf: de Hethinde.'

35 Randulf de Hethindenne to the Monks.

Authority to pay to Alan son of Henry de Lond: and his heirs at Maiham, the 6*d.* yearly rent issuing out of the premises comprised in charters Nos. 31 and 33. *Witnesses*: Ralph le Borne, William de St. Martin, Robert son of Alan, Ormer le Waite, Gocel: and James his sons, Ralph de Mapellesden, Norman de Mapellesden, Hubert de Maiham.

Seal the same as to Nos. 33 and 34.

36 Randulf de Hecthindenne to the Monks.

Grant in frankalmoign of all his tenement of Cnocke in Oxenell, with the brook, and all things thereto appertaining. *Witnesses:*

Ralph le Borne, Hugh de Lunesford, William de Bodiham, Robert son of Alan, Omer le Waite, Gocelin and James his sons, Ralph de Mapleresden, Norman de Mapleresden.

Seal only a fragment, but apparently the same as to Nos. 33, 34, 35,

37 Roger, son of Wlnoth de Fuggelesbroch, to the Abbey.

Quitclaim of all the land he had or could have in Fuggelesbroch, excepting half an acre reserved to himself and heirs, and for which he is to pay an annual rent of 1*d.* Sale of 4 acres of meadow in Fuggelesbroch mead, on which he paid rent to the monks of 5*s.* and 10*d.* yearly, and 1 hen and eggs. Consideration money, 10*s.*, and the monks have acquitted him of a debt of 12*s.*—*Witnesses:* Randulf de Hethend:, Gocelin de Mappeled:, James his brother, Ralph de Mappeled:, William de Covent:, Thomas de Lifsele, Eailric de Fuggelesbroch.

Seal round, 1¼ inch. A kind of star of 8 points, with roundels between them. Legend, 'S: Rogeri de Fugesbroc.'

38 Roger de Fugelesbroch to the Abbey.

Sale of the land and all the field called Bochland, viz: 4½ acres of land, with the hedge adjacent, for 4*s.* sterling; quit of all service.—*Witnesses:* Robert de Aubervill, Randulf de Hatchindenne, Robert son of Alan, Gocelin son of Ormer Vigil, Warin de Lefsele, Eldric de Fugelesbroch, William Convintre.

Seal oval, 2 inches. A leaf. Legend, 'Sigll: Rogerus de Fugesbroc.'

39 R: de Yssoudun, Earl of Ow, to the Monks.

Grant of the dead wood (*morbosium*) for their uses in his forest of W——, viz: in *le carhine* and *le boul*, and *le algneit* and *le fredne*, and material every year for 5 ploughs, and 5 carts, and 5 harrows; also, pasture in every part of his forest for sustenance of their sheep, and beasts, and hogs; but they are to pay like other men for hogs more than one year old; young pigs and their mothers to be quit. His bailiffs and foresters not to presume to interfere.—*Witnesses:* Hugh de Bois constable of Rochester, Walter de Scot, Gileb: de Baill:, Ralph de St: Leger, Berth: de Briuch, Geoffrey de St: Leger,

William de Bodiham, Ralph le Born, Robert de Gestl:, Hugh de Lun:.

Seal round, 2½ inches. Man on horse with horn slung at his back; on horse's shoulder, a label. Legend, 'Sigill: Radulfi de Is. . . n Comitis de O:.' Reverse, a shield charged with 4 bars, and in chief a label of 8 points. Legend, '. . . l: Radulfi de Issudun Comitis de O:'.

40 William de St: Martin and the Monks.

Certificate that he has put in their custody all his lands and rents in the Rape of Hastings, except the mill of Hastings, viz: Maderesham, Smalewode, and Tunstalle, and the land 'des Eures,' and his marshes below Eures. Saving the services to his lords, and agreements between him and the monks.—*Witnesses:* Robert abbat of Boxley, Master Firminus, Anfrid: de Dene, William de Cyrint:, Stephen de Cnelle, Robert de Waliland, Robert son of Alan.

Seal torn off.

41 William de St: Martin to the Abbey.

Grant of 1 virgate of land at Eures, and land of 26*s.* in the moor below Eures which Bolde and Fugel, Flemings, hold, with all his right in the tenement and those men; the Flemings to pay a yearly rent of 26*s.* and 26 hens. Also, of 25 acres of marsh below Eures to the east, next the land of Sanson de Gestling, which he held of the heirs of Richard de Lega, subject to the yearly rent of 23*s.*, of which 10*s.* are to be paid to the heirs of Sanson de Gestling, 12*s.* 6*d.* to the heir of Richard de Lega, viz: his son; and the remainder to grantor and his heirs.—*Witnesses:* R: abbat of Boxley, Master Firminus, Amfr: de Dene, William de Cyrethon, Stephen de Cnelle, Robert de Waliland, Helias Foleth, Robert son of Alan.

Seal round, 2 inches. Knight on horse with shield and sword. Legend, 'S: Will. . . . Martino.'

42 William de St: Martin to the Abbey.

Grant, in the event of no heir by A: his wife, of all his land of Madresham, Smalewode, and Tunstalle, but subject to the yearly payment of ½ a silver mark to whomsoever he shall make his heir,

for all service save what belongs to the capital lords, viz: to Robert Crevequer the service of ¼ part of a knight's fee; and to Ralph le Borne, whenever there shall be scutage, 15*d.* for every 20*s.* and 12*d.* yearly for all service.—*Witnesses:* Robert abbat of Boxley, Master Firminus, Amf: de Dene, William de Cyrinton, Stephen de Cnelle, Robert de Waliland, Robert son of Alan.

Seal round, 2 inches. Knight on horse with shield and sword. Legend, 'S: Willelmi de Sancto . . ino.'

43 Waleran de Herste to the Monks.

Grant in frankalmoign of all his tenement, being of his fee of Promhelle, subject to a yearly rent of 6*d.* in lieu of all service. *Witnesses:* R: abbat of Boxley, Master Firm:, Simon de Eching:, Amfred de Dene, Ralph le Borne, Roigus his brother, William de Bodiham, Robert de Gestl:, John de Gestl:, Robert de Walil.

Seal round, 1¾ inch. Knight on horse with shield, thereon a bordure. Legend, 'Sigill: Wal . . . unceaus.'

44 Simon de Wiggeselle to the Monks.

Confirmation of one virgate of land at Eures which William de St: Martin held of his fee; to hold of said William and his heirs at the yearly rent of 5*s.* for all service save the king's, viz: 2*d.* in 20*s.* scutage. Consideration money, half a mark.—*Witnesses:* Ralph le Born, William de Harem:, William the priest, Hugh de Boxle, Robert son of Alan, Robert de Walil:.

Seal gone.

45 Symon de Wiggeselle to the Monks.

Grant in frankalmoign of 6 '*ambre*' of salt, part of his rent appurtenant to his fee of Wigselle, in the fee of Leges.—*Witnesses:* Amfr: de Denne, Ralph le Borne, Robert de Waliland, Helyas Folet, Robert son of Alan.

Seal round, 1½ inch. A bird reguard: with something in its beak. Legend, 'Sigillu: Si . . . . . '.

46 R: de Hyssoud:, Earl of Ow, to the Abbey.

Confirmation of all the lands, men, and rents, given in his fee by Alured de St: Martin, the founder, as testified by his charters, viz: all the land he held of Geoffrey de St: Martin in the Rape of Hastings, and all the marsh he had in Winchelese and Cliveshende, as well of the fee of Ore as of the fee of Ykelesham and of the fee of Gestling. Confirmation of the land bought by William de St: Martin in the marsh about le Fodre, and the land itself which is called le Fodre, which the said William gave in frankalmoign. Also, of all the land of Farlege bought of Thomas de St: Leger in fee farm, as testified by his charter, and that bought of Gilebert son of Gencelin of the fee of Setelescumbe, and all the fee of Fudiland with its appurtenances bought of Reginald de Maineriis and Matilda his wife, and of Engelram de Fressenvile, but subject to the service due thereon to the said earl. Confirmation of Worthe next his forest, and the land of Cumbe, and the land of Ruwindenne, with the villeins, rents, and appurtenances. Also of the pasture next his forest, given by Henry Earl of Ow, and all the land of Snergate, with Snelling and all his tenement, as the said Earl Henry gave in frankalmoign, and the land bought of John de St: Leger in the moor below Rie. All the above lands to be held free and quit of hundred and leets, and all service save what may be due to others of whom the Abbey holds the lands.

Seal round, 2½ inches. A shield charged with Barry of 16 and a label of 5 points in chief. Legend, 'Sigillum Radulfi de Issoldun.'

47 King Richard to the Abbey.

9 Nov. 1198. Royal Charter confirming to the monks the lands, tenures, men, services, and rents given them by Alured de St: Martin, their founder, in frankalmoign, as testified by his charters, viz: all the land he held of Geoffrey de St: Martin and his heirs in the Rape of Hastings, and all the land they hold of the canons of St: Mary's, Hastings, and all the marsh and land they hold of the fee of Pette, as testified by their charters, and all the fee of Fudiland which they bought of Reginald de Mainers and Matilda his wife, and of Ingelram de Fressenvill, and the land of Wicham and of Pokelesh, and of Beten:, which the said Reginald and Matilda and Ingelram sold them, together with the land of Hothleg; and the land of Farleg, which they bought of Thomas de St: Leger, and the land they

bought of Gilbert son of Gencelin, of the fee of Setelescumbe, and all the salt morass below Eures towards Rie, between the bounds of S—— and the fee of the abbat of Fiscamp, and between the land of Robert de Crevequer and Winch:, which they bought of John de St: Leger and Roger de Sokenerse, and the land they bought of Stephen de Cnelle at Morbregg in the morass, and the land they hold in the marsh of the fee of Hikelesham and of Gesteling, and the land of Promhelle and the land of Mapelesdenne and Cundenn, and the land of Holbemesherse and of Westhenherst, and the land of Blakebroc, and of Eggingethun, which they bought of Alan Pollar, and all the land of Snergathe and the pasture within and without the bank which they have of the gift of Alice Countess of Ow, and Henry her son Earl of Ow, viz: 70 acres, including what was bought of William de Curcy, to hold by the rent of 3*s.* a year for all service; and the land of Werthe, and of Cumbe, and of Ruindenn, and of Dudewell, and the land they have in the manor of Helham, of the gift of Henry Earl of Ow; and the land they hold of the fee of Randulf de Hetinden; and all other their lands, tenements, and possessions for which they have charters. (Here follow the privileges.)—*Witnesses:* H: Archbishop of Canterbury, Master Roger de St: Edmund, archdeacon of Richmond; Henry de Castell:, archdeacon of Canterbury; Robert de Harocurd, Britius Cam:, William fitzAlan. Given by the hand of Master Roscel, then acting for the Chancellor, at Roche-Andeley, 9 Nov: 10 R: 1.

Attached is the great seal of England, of which one-third is gone. This charter is given (without the privileges) in Dugdale's Monasticon, v. 667.

48 Matilda de Lundresford to the Abbey.

Grant (in her widowhood) of her whole tenement of Henherst, lying next the forest of the Earl of Ow, and over against Blakebroc; to hold in frankalmoign, subject to the yearly rent of 6*d.*—*Witnesses:* Stephen le Borne, Laurence de Mundifeld, William de Sokeneirs, Richard de Glottingeham, Alan of Robertsbridge, Henry de Tyereseirs, Barth: de Haremere, Helias Folet.

Seal oval, 1 inch. A kind of fleur de lys. Legend, 'Sigill: Matill: . . . ndresf:'.

49 Alured de St: Martin to William de Ferne.

Copy grant in fee of the land of Ferne, which Elwyn, father of said William, held; to hold freely by the yearly rent of 5*s.* at Michaelmas. Elwyn gives 5 silver marks consideration money. — *Witnesses:* William de Bodyham, Henry his son, Randulf Strabone, Hugh de Lunsford, Alan de Lunderford, Walter de Burgahasth.

50 Hugh de Lundresford to the Monks.

Grant in frankalmoign at the dedication of their Church, and for its dower, one acre out of his meadow of Lundresford, near the spring in the same meadow towards the south. — *Witnesses:* Aedmund de Hastings, Richard de Lundresford, Robert son of Alan, Robert de Burg.

Seal oval, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch. A gem. Legend, 'Sigill: Hugonis de Londresford.'

51 Idonia de Herst to Alured de St: Martin.

c. 1202. Receipt for 6*d.* sterling rent issuing out of Promhelle, and rendered yearly by said Alured at Michaelmas for 13 years since the Coronation of King Richard. — *Witnesses:* Sanson de Gestel:, Robert his son, Hugh de Londrefort, Alan de Londrefort, William de Bodiahm, Michael de Munta, John de Turre, Walter de Petravill.

Seal oval, $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches. A draped female figure standing, holding in her right hand an ornamental cross, and on her left a bird. Legend, 'Sigillum Id . . . Herst.'

52 Gilebert de Beningwrth to Hugh of Warewic and his heirs.

Grant of his villein Hugh son of Reginald de Salemundebi and all his belongings. — *Witnesses:* Roger the Chaplain, William de Billingaie, Geoffrey de Kales, William de Winoebi, Oliver de Areci, Hugh de Leia, Richard son of Alan, Robert son of Gilebert, William son of Alured, William de Salemundebi.

Seal round, 2 inches. Knight on horse. Legend, 'Sigillum Gilberti de Beningwore.'

53 A: Abbat of Treport.

Certificate that he has, with consent of the Chapter, granted the lands of the Abbey in the Rape of Hastings, viz: Papelesham and Pleiden, to the Abbey of Robertsbridge, as testified by charter.

Seal oval, 2 inches. A priest standing and holding a pastoral staff in his right hand, and in his left a . . . Legend, 'Sigillu . . . . . '.

54 Arthur, Abbat of Tréport, to all his men in the Rape of Hastings.

Precept that they are in future to attend and do their services to the Abbey of Robertsbridge in all things as hitherto to Tréport ; the property in them and their tenements having been granted to Robertsbridge to be held of Tréport for ever.

Seal of the Chapter of Treport. Oval, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches. A priest with pastoral staff standing. Legend, 'Sigillum . . . . . de Treport.'

55 Thomas and Augustin, sons of Geoffrey Mabel, to the Monks.

Grant in frankalmoign of all their own share as well as that of Adam their brother, viz: $1\frac{1}{4}$ acre, in the marsh of Promhelle called Spikespich. Covenant to make satisfaction to the said Adam and to pay the monks 10*s.* if he or his heirs attempt to upset the deed.—*Witnesses :* Reginald son of Aug:, Robert Niger, John Rogers, William Rogers, William Lanche, William Long, William Betel, Hugh de Niweham, John his son, Hugh de Aubervile, Alan de Robertsbridge, Ralph de Ferne.

Two *Seals* :—

1. Round, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch. An eagle rising, reguardant. Legend, 'S. Thome . . . alfridi.'
2. Round, $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch. A crescent surmounted by an estoille. Legend, 'S. Augustini fili Ga . . . . . '.

56 Robert, son of Thomas Niger of Promhelle, to the Monks.

Grant in frankalmoign of all the land he had in the marsh called Cumers, and in the marsh called Spichespich, in the vill of Promhelle.—*Witnesses :* Ralph son of Elyas, Walter le Galp, Reginald son of Augustin, Hugh de Niwenham, John Rogers, William

Rogers, Hugh Pikenot, Thomas son of Geoffrey, Augustin his brother, David de Walla, Alan de Robertsbridge, Ralph de Ferne.

Seal round, 1¼ inch. A flower of 8 petals. Legend, 'S: Roberti filii Thome.'

57 Richard Carnifex of Winchelese to the Abbat.

Letter of Attorney directing him to pay yearly to John son of Roger de Promhell, the 4*d.* due from the said Richard, in respect of land he held of him in Promhell, lying between the Abbey land and that of William son of said John.—*Witnesses:* Thomas Niger, Robert his son, Walter Galp, Geoffrey Mabels, Godfrey de Pette.

Seal round, 1 inch. A fleur de lys, seeded in form of trefoils. Legend, 'S: Ricardi Carnific.'

58 Thomas, William, and Augustin, sons of Eilwin de Promhell, to the Abbey.

Confirmation of sale made by Adam de Promhell their brother, of a third part of the marsh called Spikespich, in Promhell, for which the said Adam had made them satisfactory exchange; the tenants, Hugh Long, and Boniface son of Etdieth de Winche, to do their services to the Abbey.—*Witnesses:* Robert de Dikest:, Robert son of Alan, Elias Foleth, Ralph de Ferne, Osbert de Promhell, Thomas Niger his brother, Augustin de Promhell, William his brother.

Three *Seals*:—

1. Round, 1½ inch. A fleur de lys seeded. Legend, 'Sigillm: Tome fil: Ielwini de Pronv . . ' The letters are reversed, and read from left to right.
2. Round, 2 inches. A bird with one foot raised, and its tail ending in an heraldic sprig embowed. Legend, 'Sigill: Willi de Pnhell.'
3. Round, 2 inches. A leaf. Legend, 'Sigill: Agustini de Prnele.'

59 William son of Eilwin of Promhell, to William son of Wlfwin, William Wither, Richard Stokes, and James Clerk son of Godfrey.

Notice of transfer to the Abbey of the services hitherto due to him in respect of their lands, and likewise of the mill.

Seal same as the second seal to No. 58.

60 [William de Promhell.]

The greater part of this document has been torn away.—*Witnesses:* Robert son of Alan, Helyas Folet, Ralph de Ferne, Osbert and Thomas sons of Walter de Promhelle, Thomas son of Ailwin de Promhelle, Osbert and Roger sons of Robert de Promhelle.

Seal the same as the second seal to No. 58.

61 The Abbey and John de Northie.

Agreement by which the monks give up to John their tenement in Pleidun, to hold to him and his heirs in fee farm at the yearly rent of 60*s.* and 5 'ambre' of salt for all service, save to the King and Earl, and relief: the salt-pan being excepted, which belonged to the monks before they held the tenement of Pleidun of the monks of Treport.—*Witnesses:* Amf: de Dene, William de St. Martin, Hugh de Lun:, Ralph le Borne, William de Haremere, Ingelr: de Manekes:, Robert de Walil:.

Seal oval, 1½ inch. A priest standing with pastoral staff in his left hand, and his right raised for benediction. Legend, 'Signum Abbatis de Ponte Roberti.' Reverse, lozenge shaped, 1⅛ inch. A hand cuffed at the wrist issuing from the dexter, and holding between the finger and thumb an ornamental cross. Legend, 'Signum Secreti.'

62 Richard, son of Geoffrey de Waliland, to the Abbey.

Quitclaim of the land called Craneham, as having been a purpresture made by his father Geoffrey out of their fee of Waliland. Grant of the land of Hudiham and his part of Jerkeshell, in exchange for the land called Cumbe, next Worth, not including that of the turner. A yearly rent of 5*s.* reserved to himself and his heirs.—*Witnesses:* Symon de Eching:, William and Henry his brothers, Symon de Sumeri, Hugh de Lund:, William Gulafre, Thomas de Essetes, William de Harmere, Richard de Tirdesherse, Robert son of Alan, Ralph de Ferne.

Seal round, 1½ inch. A quatrefoil. Legend, 'Sigill. . . .ardi de Walilande.'

63 Richard de Waliland to the Monks.

13 Dec. 1207. Receipt, dated St. Lucy's day next after the death of Symon, Bishop of Chichester, for 30 marks in respect of the concord con-

cerning Hudiham and other lands in their tenement. — *Witnesses:* J: abbat of Otteham; J: prior of Robertsbridge, Robert son of Alan, Humfrey de Ulescumbe, Robert the monk.

Seal gone.

64 Richard de Hudiham, son of Geoffrey de Waliland, to the Monks.

Acknowledgment that the land called Cranham belongs to the monks, and that he has sold them all the land of Hudiham, and the land which belonged to him in Jereneshell, to be held of him and his heirs, at the yearly rent of 5*s.* for all service. The monks have given him 40 marks sterling, and by way of exchange the whole of Cumbe, next Werthe, except what the turner holds. — *Witnesses:* J: abbat of Otteham, William de Bodiham, Robert de Glotingeham, Adam de Hocham, William de Haremere, Richard de Tiresherse, Robert son of Alan, Elyas Folet, Ralph de Ferne.

Seal round, 1½ inch. A quatrefoil. Legend, 'Sigill: . . . ardi de Walilande.'

65 Richard de Hudiam, son of Geoffrey de Waliland, to the Monks.

A similar document to No. 64, with a similar seal, and having the same witnesses, except that the name of Ralph de Ferne is omitted.

66 Richard de Waliland to the Monks.

Request that out of the 5*s.* yearly rent they owe him they will pay 12*d.* yearly to the Canons of Otteham.

Seal the same as to Nos. 62 and 64.

67 Richard, son of Geoffrey de Waliland, to the Monks.

Sale and quitclaim for 40*s.* sterling, of the 4*s.* yearly rent paid by them in respect of the land of Hudiham. — *Witnesses:*

Symon de Eching:, William his brother, Hugh de Lund:, William de Haremere, Robert son of Alan, Helyas Folet, Ralph de Ferne.

Seal round, 1½ inch. A quatrefoil. Legend, 'Sigill: Ricardi de Waliland.'

68 Richard de Waliland to the Monks.

Receipt for 30*s.* sterling upon his Charters of the land of Berewic, and upon Cumbe held by him of the monks; to be repaid at Michaelmas, the second after the interdict in England (1210). In default of payment the monks to deal with the charters and pledged land as they please.

Seal the same as to No. 67.

69 Heuchart, widow of John de St: Leger, to the Monks.

Quitclaim (during widowhood) of her dower out of the fee of Farley for which she had impleaded them by King's writ in the county of Sussex. Consideration money 3½ silver marks.—*Witnesses:* Laurence de Mundifeld, Henry Pedun, William de Farley, Ralph son of Helias, Alan son of Robert, Godfrey de Pette, Gilbert de Stanling, Stephen Pratte.

Seal round, 1½ inch. 2 stars in pale above a crescent. Legend, 'S: Hudeard de S: Leodegari.'

70 Bartholomew Cumin to the Abbey.

Grant in fee of land formerly Ailmer Leving's, since of Reginald his son, together with said Reginald and his belongings. Also of his part of Bradewillhe with 3 parcels of land adjacent, and the grove above Watlingetun stream, with ¼ of an acre in Cornerebrok, and the land of La Felde out of which Wlstan de la Felde rendered yearly 4*d.*: to hold freely, subject to a yearly rent of 4*d.* and the service due to King and Earl, viz., 11½*d.* in the mark, scutage, and 4*d.* each term for Castle guard. Consideration money 1 silver mark. *Witnesses*: William de Bodiham, Ralph le Borne, Robert son of Alan, Helyas Folet, Ralph de Ferne, Symon his brother.

Seal round, 1½ inch. A lion ramp:. Legend, 'Sigill: Bartholomei de Coovini.'

71 Bartholomew Cumin to the Monks.

Grant in frankalmoign of all his land of Popenhodhe, with the grove of his demesne lying between the villenage of Lefford and Le Leghe, together with the little field called Holefelde, and the grove and land lying next the house which was Coterel's, and all other parcels which were of his demesne, and which came to him as his fourth share in the fee of Watlingethon, wherever they lie, as far as Watlingethon stream, with 1 acre of meadow beyond it to the east.—*Witnesses:* William de Bodiham, Ralph le Born, Henry de Watlingethon, Robert son of Alan, Richard de Walil:. Elias Foleth, Ralph de Ferne.

Seal gone.

72 Helyas de Beche, chaplain of Dalinton, to the Monks.

Grant in frankalmoign of 3 acres of meadow of the free marriage of his mother, lying next the meadow of Reginald de Hetchene his uncle towards Bodiam bridge.—*Witnesses:* Simon de Sumeri, Laurence de Mundifeld, Alan son of Robert of Robertsbridge, Helyas Folet, Manasser de Herst, Ralph de Ferne, Simon his brother.

Seal round, 1¼ inch. A buck's head. Legend, 'Secretum de Dalinton.'

73 Oger Daneys de Becche to the Monks.

Confirmation in frankalmoign of 2 acres of land lying next the meadow of Reginald de Echene his uncle, towards Bodiam Bridge, and which his brother Helyas, chaplain of Dalinton, gave them by charter.—*Witnesses:* Simon de Sumeri, Laurence de Mundifeld, Alan son of Robert de Robertsbridge, Helyas Folet, Manasser de Herst, Ralph de Ferne, Simon his brother.

Seal round, 1½ inch. A kind of fleur de lys. Legend, 'Sigill: Ogeri Le Daneis.'

74 Robert de Glotingeham to the Abbey.

Grant in frankalmoign of all the meadow called Pukewisse lying between Chopewisse and the meadow which Walter Chalemay holds of the tenement of Pokelesherse.—*Witnesses:* Alan of

Robertsbridge, Helyas Foleth, Philip de Padiham, Maneser de Herst, Ralph de Ferne, Simon his brother.

Seal round, 1½ inch. A cinquefoil. Legend, 'Sigil: Roberti de Gloti. . .'

75 Robert de Glotingeham to the Monks.

Confirmation of the land and alms which Bartholomew Cumin gave them in frankalmoign. —*Witnesses:* Bartholomew Cumin, Robert de Lunesford, Robert de Walil:, Walter de Elmestede, Richard de Boxlie.

Seal round, 1½ inch. An eagle reguard; pruning his wing. Legend, 'Sigill: Roberti de Glotin. . . .'

76 John of Ow, son of John, Earl of Ow, to the Monks.

1199—1205.

Confirmation in frankalmoign for the souls of his father and mother and Henry, Earl of Ow, his brother, of their tenements, liberties, and customs in his fee in the Rape of Hastings, as testified by their charters, viz: Worthe, Blakebroc, Cumbe, and Rumdenn next the forest of Worthe; and all the pasture next the same forest, extending from Worthe to Bridling, and to the park of Nedrefeld, and to Mannesbroc and by the stream where three roads meet towards Blakesbroc; and the dead wood in the forest of Worthe for their uses. And Westbenheste and Holbemesherst, and Fudiland, and Wicham, and Pokelesherse, and Todeherste, and Curtinghope, and the land of Wode, and of Betenerse, and of Hochlege, and that which William, the clerk, held, and that of Dudewell. And the fee of Waliland with its salt, and the salt of the gift of Hugh de Lunesford; and the land they hold of St: Mary's Church, Hastings, and the land of Pleidenne and of Peplesham, and that which they hold of William de St: Martin and Gilbert de Pette, and the land of Eggingheton and of Blakebroke, and the meadow next Heliorwrthe, and the land they have of the gift of Bartholomew Cumin, and those they hold of the fees of Lega, Sokenners, Cnelle, Setelescumbe, Farlege, Ykelesham, and Kattesfeld, and the land of Promhelle, and the land they hold of the fee of Ytenton, and the land of Heseldenne, and the tenement of Dalinton. Confirmation of the gifts, liberties, and free customs granted them by Henry, Earl of Ow, his brother, excepting the Church of Burgh and the prebend of Hastings. Freedom from

leets, hundred, and halimote, and from all aids, taillages, scutages, &c.—*Witnesses:* H: Archbp: of Canterbury, William Bp: of London, John Bp: of Norwich, Gilb: Bp: of Rochester, Savaric Bp: of Wells, William Earl of Arundel, Earl Davi, Ralph Arden, Hugh de Aubervill, Robert his brother, William de Cyreton, Amfr: de Dene, Richard de Gosfeld, Hugh de Lunesford.

Seal round, a fragment only. A knight on horse, with sword and shield. Legend, '. . . . . Augo.' Reverse, a hare, with legend.

77 Juliana de Drichnesell to the Abbey.

Sale of 2 virgates of land in the parish of Hiham next Newenden in satisfaction of a debt of 40*s.*, and for a further sum of 20*s.*—*Witnesses:* William de Harem:, Robert de Wariland, Richard de Walil:, Robert son of Alan, William de Middeland.

Seal round, 2 inches. Four blank shields in point. Legend, 'Sign: Juliane de Dricnesell.'

78 Ralph de Turtellescumbe, Juliana de Dricteshelle, and Theobald de Turtellescumbe, to the Abbey.

Confirmation of sale of 2 virgates of land in North Hyham for 40*s.* and 20*s.*—*Witnesses:* William de Harem:, Robert de Waliland, Richard de Waliland, Robert son of Alan, William Mideland.

Three *Seals* :—

1. Round, 2 inches. A fleur de lys seeded. Legend, 'Sigill: Radulfi de Turtlescumbe.'
2. The same as to No. 77.
3. Round, 2 inches. A large leaf. Legend, 'Sigll: Tebaldi de Turtlescumbe.'

79 Theobald, son of Ralph de Turdlescumbe, to the Abbey.

Confirmation of sale, by his mother Juliana, for 6c*s.*, of 2 virgates of land in Nordhyam. Consideration money ½ a silver mark.—*Witnesses* : William de Harem:, Robert de Ward:, Richard de Walil:, Robert son of Alan, William de Middeland.

Seal round, 2 inches. A large leaf. Legend, 'Sigll: Tebaldi de Turtlescumbe.'

80 Philip de Padiham and Matilda his wife to the Abbey.

Confirmation of sale by Juliana de Drictnesell, widow of Simon de Padiham, to the Abbey, of 2 virgates of land in the parish of Nordhyam, and lying between the church there and the bridge of Niwendenne. Consideration money ½ a mark. — *Witnesses*: Laurence de Mundifeld, William de Haremere, Helyas Foleth, Alan son of Robert, Ralph de Ferne, Symon his brother, Symon Drui.

Seal oval, 1½ inch. A fish hauriant. Legend, 'Sigill: Phelippi de Padih:'.

81 The Monks of Robertsbridge and Richard de Drichneselle.

Agreement: the monks have given the said Richard all Robert Little's land and tenement of Worthe in exchange for all his right in his inheritance, as well that of which he was seized when he made the agreement with the monks, as all other which seemed of right to belong; the same to be subject to the same service as belongs to that he has given up. The monks have given said Richard, in goods and money, 7 marks, and besides, for term of his own and wife's life, a certain field adjacent, of 10 acres, and 3 acres of meadow at Robertsbridge next the road between the smith's house and the meadow of Richard de Ferrege. Richard has sworn on the Gospels to observe the agreement. — *Witnesses:* Robert de Gestl:, John de Gestl:, William de Bodiham, Ralph le Borne, Robert de Hoch:, Robert de Walil:, Walter Kin, Adnod de Middeland.

Seal round, 1¼ inch. A quatrefoil. Legend, 'Sigillum Ricardi de Dryneshil.'

82 Philip de Drichneselle, son of Walter de Drichneselle, to the Monks.

Confirmation of agreements made by the monks with his brother Richard respecting exchanges and purchases of lands, as testified by Richard's charters to them. — *Witnesses:* Hugh de Lun:, Robert Salvage, Robert son of Alan, Robert de Walil:, Elias Foleth, Ralph de Ferne.

Seal oval, 1¾ inch. A kind of quatrefoil. Legend, 'Sigill: Philipi de Drecessele.'

83 Philip de Drichneselle to the Monks.

Sale of 2 parts of the land he had in Worthe for his necessity, which he took, as Robert Little (*parvus*) held it at his death, in exchange for his inheritance of Drichneselle: the same to be held at the yearly rent of 4*d.* for all service. He reserves to himself and his heirs the third part which lies next the road which leads from the pasture, and runs down by the house which was Sielmi Tornur's to Twineham ford.—*Witnesses:* Hugh de Lun:, Robert Salvage, Robert de Walil:, Richard de Walil:, Robert de Robertsbridge, Elias Foleth, Ralph de Ferne.

Seal the same as to No. 82.

84 Philip de Drichneselle to the Abbey.

Grant of all the parcel of land he had in Worthe, viz: that which had been William Little's (*parvi*), and which he had received in exchange for his inheritance of Drichnesell; subject to the yearly rent of 2 pence for all services.—*Witnesses:* William de Bodiham, Ralph le Borne, Robert son of Alan, Elias Foleth, Ralph de Ferne.

Seal the same as to No. 82.

85 Philip de Drichneselle to the Abbey.

Sale of the same premises as in No. 84, to be held at the same yearly rent for all services.—*Witnesses:* William de Bodiham, Ralph le Borne, Robert son of Alan, Elias Foleth, Ralph de Ferne, Simon his brother, Martin de Boxley.

Seal same as to No. 82.

86 William de Bodiham to the Monks.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of all his brook called Bordesbroc, with free ingress and egress by the way in front of the house late Ralph le Borde's, viz: from the meadow, late Alwin de Besingham's, as far as the Abbey's meadow, and from the meadow beyond the ditch of the same brook towards *firmam terram* as far as Liminel and the tenement of the monks. Consideration money 20 silver marks.—*Witnesses:* Hugh de Lundresford, Ralph le Borne,

Richard de Tyerdesherse, Barth: de Bodiham, William Gulafre, Richer his brother, Adam de Occham, Robert son of Alan, Helyas Foleth, Ralph de Ferne.

Seal round, $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch. Knight on horse, on his shield a bordure. Legend, 'Sigill: Wil . . . de Bodiham.'

87 William de Bodiham to the Monks.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of the same premises as in No. 86, for the souls of Margaret his wife, and Henry his son.—*Witnesses:* the same as to No. 86, with the omission of Ralph de Ferne.

Seal the same as to No. 86.

88 Margaret, widow of Henry de Bodiham, son of William de Bodiham, to the Abbey.

Quitclaim, during widowhood, for the health of her soul, and that of Alured de St: Martin her uncle, and Burgunnia her mother, of all the tenement of Osindenne, which the said Alured the Founder had given the Abbey in frankalmoign.—*Witnesses:* Ralph Borne, Hugh de Lundresford, Simon de Sumeri, Laurence de Mundifeld, Robert son of Alan, Elyas Folet, Ralph de Pherne.

Seal gone.

89 The Monks and Margaret de Bodiham.

An agreement. The monks have given Margaret, Osindenne, which Alured de St: Martin gave her in marriage with their consent out of the hundred solidates of land which John Earl of Ow gave the said Alured for his service, and he to them, by consent of Henry Earl of Ow. To hold of the monks subject to the yearly payment of 1 pound of pepper and 1 pound of pure incense for all service. Margaret has sworn for herself and heirs to observe this.—*Witnesses:* Abbat of Boxley, Master Firminus, William chaplain of Werehorn, William de Bodiham, Ralph le Borne, Stephen de Werehorn, Robert de Waliland.

Seal oval, 2 inches. A full length female figure standing, with flowing veil; in her right hand a slip of lily. Legend, 'Sigill: Margerie de . . .iam.'

90 Margaret, widow of Henry de Bodiham, to the Monks.

Surrender (during widowhood) for the soul of Alured de St: Martin her uncle, and Burgunnia her mother, of all her right in the the tenement of Osindenne, which had been given the Abbey at its foundation by the said Alured the Founder in frankalmoign.—*Witnesses:* Wm: de Bodiham her son, John de Calceto, Simon de Sumeri, Laurence de Mundifeld, Robert son of Alan, Helias Foleth, Ralph de Ferne.

Seal slightly oval, 1 inch. A gem. Legend, 'Sigill: Ma. . .te de Bodiha:'.

91 Margaret, widow of Henry son of William de Bodiham, to the Monks.

A surrender similar to No. 90; and of the same premises, but stating that they were given her on her marriage by Alured against the wish of the monks to whom they had been given at the foundation of their Abbey.—*Witnesses:* William son of Henry de Bodiham, John de Calceto canon of Hastings, Simon de Sumeri, Laurence de Mundifeld, Robert son of Alan, Helias Foleth, Ralph de Ferne.

Seal the same as on No. 90, but with the legend perfect.

92 Margaret, widow of Henry son of William de Bodiham, to the Monks.

A surrender similar to No. 90, and with similar seal.—*Witnesses:* William son of Henry de Bodiham, John de Calceto canon of Hastings, Simon de Sumeri, Laurence de Mundifeld, Walter de Denne, Robert son of Alan, Helyas Foleth, Ralph de Ferne.

93 Alfred de Basokes to Robert de Waliland.

Grant of the land of Grave which Adam father of Robert held of the grantor; subject to the yearly rent of 5*d.* for all service.—*Witnesses:* Warin chaplain of Watlington, John chaplain of Setelescumbe, Henry canon of Hastings, Gilibert de Stanling, Richard de Walilond, Malger Palmer.

Seal round, $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch. A knight on horse with sword and shield; his coat is marked lozengy. Legend, 'Sigllum Alure . . de Basokes.'

94 Robert de Walilond to the Abbey.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of the fields called Brodehamme and Elfwiesland with the appurtenances, lying between the great willow on the road in front of Roger Scoth's house and the end of an old street, leading from the same road to the water called Bodeselle over against Wethlingeton, and again from the same willow to the lake by the way leading from Stapele to Jercneselle. — *Witnesses:* Simon de Echingham, William his brother, Hugh de Lun:, Ralph le Born, William de Haremere, Robert son of Alan, R: de Ferne.

Seal round, 1⅞ inch. An eagle rising. Legend, 'Sigill: Robe. . . ilande.'

95 Geoffrey, son of John de St: Leger, to the Monks.

Confirmation of all the land and pasture which they have of the gift of Thomas de St: Leger his grandfather in Farlegh; subject to the yearly payment of ½ a silver mark for all service. — *Witnesses:* Robert de Torneh:, John de Northiam, Ralph le Borne, Hugh de Lun:, Stephen de Esteburneham, Robert son of Alan, Helias Foleth, Ralph de Ferne.

Seal round, 1½ inch. A shield fretty and a chief. Legend, 'Sigill: Galfridi de Sancto Leodegario.' Fine and perfect.

96 [Geoffrey de St: Leger to the Monks.]

This document is a fragment only, and appears to be an agreement concerning land belonging to the monks of Battle. No witnesses names are attached.

Seal fine and perfect, the same as No. 95.

97 Geoffrey de St: Leger to the Monks.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of all his marsh belonging to his fee of Sokenerse, with the appurtenances in the moor below Rie, which marsh lies between the land of Robert de Crevequer and Winchelese, and between the great flete which runs towards Rie, and the lake of Chene, and between the Archbishop's land, and that which

they hold of the fee of Farlegh.—*Witnesses:* Amfr. de Dene, Ralph de St: Leger, Hugh de Lunesf:, Ralph le Borne, Robert de Walil:.

Seal round, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch. A large bird running with wings elevated. Legend, 'Sigill: Galfridi de Sant Lig:.'

98 William de Burgerse, son of Aubert, to the Monks.

Grant of the land which Eldric had held, and that which William de la Hamme had held, and that called Mereland extending by the boundaries (*per divisas*) of the house of Beuceline to the road leading from the parson's house to the public street on the North, and to the stream of water on the West, as far as the house of Robert Franceis; subject to the yearly payment of 12*d.* for all services, save to the King and Earl, viz: 1*d.* in the mark scutage, 1*d.* for Justicegeld, and 1*d.* for county aid.—*Witnesses:* Hugh de Lund:, William de Bodiham, Ralph le Born, Robert de Walil:, Harold Rue (in the Earl's Court at Neddrefeld).

Seal round $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch. A man on horse winding a horn. Legend, 'Sigillum Willi filii Alberti de B.'

99 Adeliz, widow of Richard, son of Hugh de Lunesford, to the Monks.

Release of all her tenement of Holbem: saving only such part as they out of their liberality had given her for term of her life.—*Witnesses:* William de Bodiham, Ralph le Borne, William de Ore, Robert son of Alan, Helias Foleth, Ralph de Ferne, Walter Pollard.

Seal oval, $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch. A kind of quatrefoil. Legend, '. igil . . . A. . . . .'. Secretum, a gem. Legend, '. . . et Fulconis de . . . .'.

100 Richard de Watlingethon to the Monks.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of a parcel of his land lying between his land of Fudiland and the land of Gilbert de Dunmawe and a piece of land in Poponhodhe between the land which was once Bar-

tholomew Cumin's and the rivulet towards Fudiland.—*Witnesses:* William de Bodiham, Ralph le Borne, Stephen his brother, Robert son of Alan of Robertsbridge, Helias Foleth, Ralph de Ferne.

Seal round, $1\frac{5}{8}$ inch. An eagle pruning his wing. Legend, 'Sigill: Ritevs de Watlingtun.'

101 Warin de Dunmawe to the Monks.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of that portion of his land which lies between their land of Fudiland and that which they have of the tenement of Watlingethone.—*Witnesses:* Robert de Glotingeham, William de Haremere, Robert son of Alan de Lundresford, Alan son of Robert, Helyas Foleth, Ralph de Ferne.

Seal round, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch. A fleur de lys. Legend, 'Sigill: Warini fil: Gilib'ti.'

102 Robert de Waliland to Helyas Folet.

Grant, in marriage with Mabel his daughter, of all his meadow which he held of Robert le Borne and of Ralph his son; to be held of said Robert and his heirs subject to the yearly rent of 15*d.* for all service.—*Witnesses:* Hugh de Lunesford, William de Haremere, Gerald de Lemlesham, Robert son of Alan, Bertin son of Samson de Gestling, Richard de Waliland, Ralph de Ferne.

Seal round, $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch. A bird, perhaps a cock, with wings expanded. Legend, 'Sig. . . . . nde.'

103 William de Munceus, son of Waleran de Herste, to the Abbey.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of all his tenement in Promhelle which his father gave him, subject to the only service of 6*d.* yearly at Michaelmas.—*Witnesses:* Simon de Sumeri, Oliver de Westifeld, Laurence de Mundifeld, Robert de Basoches, Helyas Folet, Alan son of Robert, Ralph de Ferne.

Seal round, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches. A knight on horse, with helmet and shield; on the latter a bend. Legend, 'Sigillum Wilelmi de M. . . .'

104 Giles, son of Robert de Cumbe, to the Monks.

Confirmation of the land which was Dudeman's, being of the fee of Lady Albreda 'de veteri Rumenale,' and which Robert and Emma, the grantor's father and mother, gave them.—*Witnesses:* William Giffart, Simon de Sumeri, Laurence de Mundifeld, William de Haremere, Robert de Basokes, Helyas Foleth, Alan de Robertsbridge.

Seal round, $1\frac{3}{8}$ inch. An eagle reguardant displayed. Legend, 'Sigillum Gerin de Cumbe.'

105 Robert de Sedelescumbe, son of Adam de Basokes, to the Monks.

Confirmation of all the lands and tenements they hold of his fee of Sedelescumbe, with the field which lies in front of William le Bover's house, and extends in the direction of the road of Horne (*viam de Horne*) as far as the rivulet to the east, and in the direction of Brede as far as the ditch which extends from Stephen le Borne's land to the house of Hamo of Wrthe; quit of all services to himself and heirs.—*Witnesses:* Simon de Sumeri, Stephen le Borne, Laurence de Mundifeld, Helyas Folet, Bartholomew de Haremere, Ralph de Ferne, Alan son of Robert.

Seal round, $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch. A fleur de lys seeded. Legend, 'Sigillum Roberti Basso.'

106 Ralph fitzHelyas of Winchelsey to the Abbey.

Confirmation of land, lying between land of William Hod and Godfrey the hermit, now held by Walter le Galp of the Abbey, and which the monks bought of (? Roger) Blund and his brother: subject to a reserved yearly rent of 9*d.*, in lieu of service to himself and heirs.—*Witnesses:* Laurence de Mundif:, Oliver de Westef:, Thomas Godfrey, William de Ferlegh, Alan de Lond:, Henry Mainard, Stephen Andrew, Gervase his brother, Henry Alard, Stephen and John his brothers, Alan de Robertsbridge, Ralph de Ferne.

Seal lozenge shaped, 1 inch. A quatrefoil. Legend, 'Sigil: Radulfi Elis.'

107 Laurence de Mundefeld to the Monks.

Quit claim of all his right in the land of Pokelesherse, for which he was wont to render them an annual rent of 2*s*. — *Witnesses:* William de Cirinton, Daniel de Hauckeswelle, William de Muncels, Oliver de Westf:, Walter de Dene, Helias Folet, Alan de Lundresford.

Seal round, 1½ inch. A shield; thereon 2 bendlets, on a chief fretty (or lozengy), a bar. Legend, 'Sigil: Lauren . . . Mun . . .'.

108 Thomas de Nordhi.

Declaration that he received the seal of Lord William de St. Martin, his brother, in his sickness; and lest any one should entertain suspicions in consequence, he protests that no improper use has been made of it, especially against the abbat of Robertsbridge; and he has returned it under the seals of the abbat and himself, in the presence of Lord William, his brother, and Lord Laurence de Mundifeld.

Seal torn off.

109 Robert de Clavile to the Monks.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of all his tenement of Petelesham, to the intent that all who hold thereof may do their service to the monks instead of to him: a reservation as to agreements between the monks and Michael de Montes. — *Witnesses:* Master Firminus, Walter the Jew, William de Perrecurt, Anfred de Dane, Roger de Perrecurt, Ralph le Borne, Geoffrey de le Meiene.

Seal round, 2¼ inches. Knight on horse with shield, on which a chief indented is visible. Legend, 'Sigill: Rober. . . . . la.'

110 Albreda de Veteri Rumenello to the Monks.

Grant, in frankalmoign (during her widowhood), for the souls of her ancestors and of her Lord, William de Garpunvill, of 2*s*. yearly rent issuing out of 20 acres of land in Offetone, held by the brothers Alexander, Simon and Clement, sons of Gilbert de Veteri Rumenello. Alexander for himself and his brothers covenanting to make faithful payment. — *Witnesses:* William de Cireton,

Ralph de Asling:, Henry Gresl:, William Poinant, Luke Sergeant de Veteri Rumenello, Alexander de Veteri Rumenello, Augustinus de Promhell, William his brother, Turstan.

Seal oval, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch. A gem. Legend, 'Sigill: Albreede Rumenel.'

111 Robert de Clavile to the Monks.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of all the tenement of Pedelesham with the services of those who hold of it, save as to conventions made between him and Michael de Montes.—*Witnesses:* Master Firminus, Walter the Jew, William de Perrecurt, Anfred de Dane, Roger de Perrecurt, Ralph le Borne, Geoffrey de Lemeiene.

Seal round, $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches. A knight on horse. Legend, 'Sigill: Roberti de Clavilla.'

112 Michael de Muntes to the Monks.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of 1 mark (*marcatam*) of rent in Pedlesham which Robert de Claivill gave him.—*Witnesses*: R: Abbat of Boxley, Ralph le Born, William de Bodiham, William Poinant, Roger de Soken:, Robert son of Alan, Elias Foleth.

Seal gone.

113 Michael de Muntes to the Monks.

Surrender of all his interest in the land of Pedelesham which he held of them, and the services of the men.—*Witnesses:* R: Abbat of Boxley, Ralph le Born, William de Bodiham, W. . . . Poinant, Roger de Soken:, Robert son of Alan, Elias Foleth, Ralph de Ferne.

Seal gone.

114 John de Muntes to the Monks.

Recognition that all the land of Pertlingetun which his brother Michael de Muntes gave him belongs of right to the monks as the gift of Alured de St. Martin, and quitclaim of all his rights therein.—*Witnesses:* Gilebert Barre, Sheriff; Simon de Sumeri, Laurence de Mundifeld, Godfrey Walensis, William Bernehus, Richard de la Gare, Thomas de la Houlte, Alan of Robertsbridge.

Seal round, $1\frac{3}{8}$ inch A bird pruning his wing. Legend, 'Sigill: Johannis de Mun . . .'

115 John de Muntes to the Abbey.

Quitclaim of all the land of Pertlingetun which he admits to be the right of the Abbey, as testified by the charter of Alured de St. Martin, and to have been unjustly taken from them by Michael de Muntes his brother, and acknowledgment of seizin.—*Witnesses:* Simon de Sumeri, Laurence de Mundifeld, Gilebert de Stanling, Henry Pedun:, Helyas Foleth, Alan of Robertsbridge, Ralph de Ferne.

Seal round, 1¼ inch. An eagle reguard. pruning his wing, with legend.

116 William de Dudewell to the Abbey.

15–18 John.

Quitclaim in fee of all the land of Dudewell of the fee of Esburneham, in quittance of a debt of 40 silver marks proved against him, and which he was adjudged to render for damages done the Abbey in respect of that land. The Abbey gives him a lease of it for his life at the yearly rent of 10*s.* with a proviso against cutting or selling the timber.—*Witnesses:* The Justices of the King's Bench, viz: Henry de Puntaudemer, Roger Huschard, Martin de Patishell, and many others before whom this quitclaim was made and confirmed.

Seal round, 1¾ inch. Apparently a well with water streaming out; on the dexter side a thistle (?). Legend, 'Si . . . . W . . . . Duwelle.'

117 Matilda de Meyners, daughter of Ingelram de Freisenville, widow of Reginald de Meyneres, to the Abbey.

Grant, in frankalmoign, for the souls of her father and husband, of all the land and tenement of Fudiland, being her father's gift to her in free marriage with her said husband, together with the land of Wickham, and Pokelesherse, and Todchyrste, and Bisopesland; quit of all service save to the King and Earl.—*Witnesses:* Richard abbat of Battle, William Earl Warenne, Mathew Fitzherbert, Peter de Scotiniis, William de Ciretun, Geoffrey son of John de St. Leger, Robert de Bosroart, Helyas Foleth, Alan son of Robert, Ralph de Ferne.

Seal oval, 1¾ inch. Device, a female figure standing, holding in her left hand a staff, headed with a fleur-de-lys. Legend, 'Sigill: Matildis de Meiniers.'

118 12 John. —12 H. 3. Matilda de Fressenevill, widow of Reginald de Meinieres, to her reverend Lords, Lord William Earl Warenn, and Lord Matthew, Sheriff of Sussex.

Request that they, her dearest Lords, will be witnesses to the charter she has made to the monks of Robertsbridge of the land of Fudiland.

Seal detached and in fragments.

119 John de Passing to the Monks.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of some land which once belonged to Robert le Lult: of the fee of Ranulf . . . . between the bounds of Michelgrave and the monks' land; quit of all service save to the Lords of the fee, viz: to the heirs of Richard de Brom 1*d.* and to Ranulf de . . . . 1 silver mark.—*Witnesses:* Godfrey le Waleys, Laurence de Mundifeld, Geoffrey de Mari, John his brother, Nigel de Angemere, William de Hechwude, Maufer de la Dune, John Gyvey, Robert de Hammes, clerk; John son of Marcellus, John de la felde, Thomas de Haremere, Alan of Robertsbridge.

Seal round, 1¼ inch. An eagle reguardant, with wings elevated. Legend, 'S. Johannis de Pasiges.' This document is injured by damp.

120 Peter de Scotiniis to the Monks.

Confirmation of agreements between them and Reginald de Mainers, and Matilda his wife, and Engelram de Fresenvill, and of purchases of lands and gifts, so far as they belong to his tenement. Also of ¼ part of Setelescumbe, in Worthe, which was Gencelin's, and 3 virgates of land in Hodley, being of his fee of Haselerse; quit of all service save to the King and Earl.—*Witnesses:* Symon de Echyngeham, William his brother, Henry de Scotiniis, Robert de Setelescumbe, William de Wudeh:, Robert son of Alan, Helyas Foleth.

Seal round, 1⅝ inch. A shield, charged with 4 billets on a bend, and a bordure indented. Legend, 'Sigillum Petri de Scotenis.'

121 William de Abrincis to Simon de Lacford.

Confirmation in fee for his homage and service, of the grant made him, by Cecily the said William's mother, of 20½ acres of

land in the vill of Suttune, viz: 1 acre abutting on Wlwineslinke towards the east in Bogedene, 2 acres lying in the bottom of the valley in Waletune, 1 acre at Crokeredie, 4 acres and 1 rod which Brixi Shepherd (*Bercarius*) held, 1 acre and 1 rod above Winterdune which William de Hout held, 1½ rods for building on, between the monks' court and the land of Richard de Fristune, and pasture on the common as much as belongs to half a virgate; the whole to be held by the service of $\frac{1}{20}$ part of a knight's fee.—*Witnesses:* Thomas de Abrincis, Geoffrey de Esseteford, Lambinus de Esseteford, Simon de Abrincis, Geoffrey de Abrincis, Roger Talun, Geoffrey de Gesteling, Robert de Hucham, Alexander . . . . .

Seal round, 2 inches, in fine preservation. Knight on horse at full speed, with sword, helmet, and shield. Legend, 'Sigill: Will: de Averenches.'

122 William, son of Henry de Bodiham, to the Monks.

Confirmation, in frankalmoign, of the land called Bordesbroc which William his grandfather gave them.—*Witnesses:* John de Calceto, William de Penherst, Robert and Reginald his brothers, Walter de Dene, Richard de Tyresherse, Robert son of Alan, Helyas Foleth.

Seal round, 1⅜ inch. A rose of many petals. Legend, 'Sigill: W . . . . . diham.'

123 William de Hastinges to the Monks.

Grant of 1 virgate of land in Sandrege of the fee of Ytentun, which Malger Serreve held; to hold of the heirs of Richard de Ytentun subject to the yearly rent of 2*s.* for all service save to the King and Earl, viz: 11*d.* in the mark, and the rights of the heir of Ytentun when he comes of age.—*Witnesses:* Robert de Hastinges, Robert de Walilond, John de Tokenton, Robert son of Alan, Roger de Raldeslohe, Richard de Walilond.

Seal round, 1¼ inch. A shield charged with a fess between 3 lozenges. Legend, 'Sigill: Gulelmi de Hastinge.'

124 Robert de Crevequer to the Monks.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of a '*snappam*' of land lying in the moor below Eures, between the stream (*filum*) of water which runs from

Rie to Morbrigge and the stream called Bradeflete, with the forland lying between the said streams and the banks, which the said monks have constructed on this side the marsh they have inclosed, in the same moor below Eures.—*Witnesses:* William Buchart, William de Cyret:, Amf: de Tuttesham, Gilbert de Pontun, Girard de Levesham, Stephen de Leges.

Seal round, 2 inches. Knight on horse, with shield charged with 2 fleur de lys; in front of his shield a heart. Legend, 'Sigillum Roberti de Crevequer.' On reverse a gem with legend, 'Secretum meum.'

125 Robert de Crevequer to the Monks.

Grant, in frankalmoign, for the souls of himself and M. his wife, of all the land which Emma de Pirifeld once held of him and his ancestors in the Rape of Hastings; quit of all service.—*Witnesses:* William Buschard, Thomas de Penecester, Nicholas de Normanville, John de Tokinton, Robert de Padiham, Robert son of Alan, Elyas Foleth.

Seal the same as to No. 124.

126 Robert de Crevequer to the Monks.

Grant, in frankalmoign, for the souls of himself and M. his wife of $2\frac{1}{4}$ virgates of land in the parish of Nordhyam which Emma de Pirefeld once held in the Rape of Hastings; quit of all service.—*Witnesses:* William Buschard, Thomas de Penecestre, Nicholas Normanvill, John de Tokinton, Robert de Padiham, Robert son of Alan, Elyas Foleth.

Seal the same as to No. 124, but without secretum.

127 Geoffrey de Cnelle, son of Stephen de Cnelle, to the Monks.

Grant, in frankalmoign of 9*s.* yearly rent out of the land of Fugesham.—*Witnesses:* Robert de Hasting, Stephen le Borne, Laurence de Mundifeld, William de Kichinore, Robert his brother of Diedsterne, Robert Basoches of Setelescumbe, Helyas Foleth.

Seal round, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch. A fleur de lys seeded. Legend, 'Sigill: Galfridi de Cnelle.'

128 Richard de Molendino and Godeleva his wife to the Abbey.

Acknowledgment of surrender in full court of all their right in the tenement of Jarmeshull, and promise to pay 40*s.* by way of penalty if they or their heirs at the instigation of the devil shall ever question the title. For this obligation the monks give ½ a silver mark.—*Witnesses:* Nicholas of London Official of Lewes, Stephen le Borne, Laurence de Mundefeld, Alan son of Robert de Ponte, Elyas de Walilande, Ralph de Ferne.

Seal round, 1½ inch. A fleur de lys. Legend, 'Sigill: Ricardi fil: W. . .'.

129 Robert de Alsceston and Hodierna his wife to Algar de Baderse.

Grant in fee of the land which was Robert Truth's which he held of Adam de Cobbeford, and which the said Adam gave in marriage with Hodierna his sister to the Grantor; subject to the yearly rent of 2*s.* 6*d.* and the free service due to the King and the Lords of the soil. This agreement was made with the consent of William Maufe, capital Lord of the fee. Consideration money 1 silver mark.—*Witnesses:* William de Caines, William Maufe, Richard de Etsetes, Andrew de Posingewrth, Robert de Haggingewrth, Simon de Cobbeford, William Frilende.

Seal gone.

130 Robert de Alsitone to Milo Malfe.

Grant, on the petition of Hodierna the said Robert's wife, for his homage and service, of all the land which Algar le Cruzt held in the fee of Cobbeford: to hold subject to the yearly payment of 1 pound of cumin for all service, save to the King. Consideration, 2 silver marks and a tunic.—*Witnesses:* Waleran de Monceaus, William de Monceaus, William de Burton, Robert Chaplain, William de Holendale, Randulf Brade, Richer de Hellingel, Richard Frit:, Philip Malfe, Geoffrey de Ferles, Thomas de Burton, Simon de Cobbeford.

Seal oval, 1½ inch. A fleur de lys inverted. Legend, 'Robert de Alsito.'

131 Robert, son of Adam, to Milis Maufe.

Grant with the assent and consent of his wife Hodierna of the same premises as in No. 130, subject to the same yearly payment

and for the same consideration. — *Witnesses:* Walrand de Monceas, William de Monceas, William de Burton, Robert Chaplain, William de Holendale, Randulf Brade, Richer de Hellingelee, Richard Frit:, Philip Maufai, Geoffrey de Ferles, Thomas de Burtun, Simon de Cobefort.

Seal the same as to No. 130.

132 19 May, 1219. Wimarc, widow of Richard de Waliland, and William, Abbat of Robertsbridge.

Final concord made in the King's court at Lewes, Sunday next after the feast of the Ascension, 3 H. 3 before B. Bishop of Rochester, John de Gestling, James Salvage, Henry de Cobeham, Ralph Tablel, Gilbert de Abingewrth, Justices itinerant and others, by which Wimarc releases all her right of dower out of the free tenement of her late husband in Yweherst; consideration money ½ a silver mark.

133 19 May, 1219. Wimarc, widow of Richard de Waliland, and William Abbat of Robertsbridge.

This document is a duplicate of No. 132.

134 Adam de Coppeford to the Monks.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of all the meadow lying between the monks' meadow and Milo Maufye's land, and between the land of Robert de Chyselbergh on the north, and that of the said Milo, next the stream which runs towards Slochtre; quit of all service.— *Witnesses:* Robert de Glotingeham, Laurence de Mundifeld, Thomas de Burghtune, Robert de Hoccam, Richard de la Gare, William de Ferles, Henry de Berch, Osbert de Haremere, Thomas his brother, Alan of Robertsbridge, Thomas de Holt, William his brother.

Seal gone.

135 Adam de Cobbeford to the Abbey.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of 50 acres in the land of Slochtre lying to the south as far as the stream (*aquam*) which runs from Slochtre

bridge, and stretches away to the west as far as the land of Miles Malfe, and thence to the east through the middle of Slochtre as far as the high way ; Slochtre mead and Hebrithesham mead being excepted.—*Witnesses :* John Gulafre, Laurence de Mundifeld, Thomas de Burchtune, Rand: le Brade, William de Ricarvile, Richard de Ricarvile, Alan of Robertsbridge, Robert Gerot, William de Ferles, John Giffard, Richard de Ratintune, Thomas de Holt.

Seal $\frac{1}{3}$ gone, but the same as to No. 140.

136 Adam de Cobeford to the Monks.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of half an acre of meadow, part of that meadow which is next to Slochtre, and lying next the meadow which the monks have of him ; quit of all service. If his son Robert shall exchange his meadow with them for the said half acre, he promises to consent.—*Witnesses :* Henry de Prestune, Remiger de Bosco, Andrew de Michelan, Gilbert his son, Gerard le Bret, Henry de Berch:, Alan of Robertsbridge, Thomas de Holt, William his son, Ralph de Ferne, Walter Foleth, Gilbert and Thomas his brothers.

Seal gone.

137 Hodierna, widow of Robert de Alsistone, to Milo Maufey.

Confirmation, in her free widowhood, of all the land which the said Robert gave and confirmed to him at her request of the fee of Cobbeford in Walderne, being that which Adam her brother had given her in marriage : to hold freely of her and her heirs subject to the yearly rent of 1 pound of cumin for all service save the King's.—*Witnesses :* Thomas de Burethone, John Gulafre, Nicholas Hereward, Richard de Richewile, Laurence de Mundefeld, Oliver de Westefeld, Robert de Ferles, Walter de Alfricheston, William de Richewile, Robert de Assete, Thomas de Holt, William de Holt.

Seal oval, $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch. A bird. Legend, 'S. Hodierne de Cobbeford.'

138 Milo Maufye to Gervase son of Andrew de Winchelese.

Quitclaim, for 24 marks, of all his rights in the land he once held of Adam de Cobeford in Waldern : To hold freely of the said

Adam and his heirs subject to the same services as hitherto.—*Witnesses:* William de Muncell:, Henry de Prestune, Thomas de Burthun, Herebert de Burgherse, Richard de Gare, Rennger de Bosco, Henry de Birch, William de Sokenesse, Symon de Hydenye, Alan of Robertsbridge, Thomas de Harmere, Thomas de Holt, William his son.

Seal round, 1¼ inch. A star of eight points. Legend, 'Sigillum Milonis Maufe.'

139 Milo Maufye to Gervase son of Andrew de Winchelese.

Grant for 24 marks of all the land he once held of Adam de Cobeford in Walderne: To hold freely of the said Adam and his heirs subject to the yearly render to himself and his heirs of 1 pound of wax for all service save that due to the said Adam, viz: 15*d.* a year and that due to the King.—*Witnesses:* William de Muncell, Henry de Prestun, Thomas de Burthune, Herebert de Burgherse, Richard de Gare, Rennger de Bosco, Henry de Berch:, William de Sokenesse, Symon de Hydenye, Alan of Robertsbridge, Thomas de Harmere, Thomas de Holt, William his son.

Seal the same as to No. 138.

140 Adam de Cobeford to Gervase son of Andrew de Winchelese.

Confirmation of all the land which Milo Maufye gave him in Walderne; subject to the yearly rent to himself and his heirs of 22*d.* for all service: the land is to be quit of castleguard, hundred aid, sheriffs' aid and all other aids, taillages, and customs, save the King's scutage as much as belongs to the twentieth part of a knight's fee.—*Witnesses:* Henry de Prestun:, Anfrid de Feringes, Thomas de Burtune, Herebert de Burgherse, Richard de Gare, Richard de Henle, Rennger de Bosco, Symon de Hydenie, Henry de Berche, Richard de Hangeltun, Richard de Cumbe, Alan of Robertsbridge, Thomas de Harmere.

Seal round, 1⅜ inch. A lion rampant. Legend, 'Sigill. Ade de Cobefordi.'

141 Gervase son of Andrew de Winchelese to the Monks.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of all the land he once held of Milo Maufie in Walderne: to hold freely subject to the yearly rent of

22*d.* for all service, save the King's scutage, as much as pertains to the twentieth part of a knight's fee. — *Witnesses:* Robert de Glotingeham, Walter de Burgherse, William his brother, William de Sokenesse, Alan of Robertsbridge, William de Ferlegh, Stephen Andrew, William Alard, Mathew son of Stephen, Godfrey Poun, Henry Alard, Henry de Bredurst, William Franceis.

Seal round, 1 inch. A crescent and star. Legend, 'S. Gervas: fil: Andr.'

142 Hodierna, widow of Robert de Alsiston, to the Monks.

Confirmation, in her free widowhood, of all the land which Gervase son of Andrew of Winchesse gave them in frankalmoign, being that which Adam her brother had given with her in marriage to the said Robert her husband and which the said Adam also gave and confirmed to the said monks. To hold of Adam, subject to the yearly payments to her and her heirs of 22*d.*, quit of all service save the King's scutage. — *Witnesses:* Brother Thomas de Staveley Master of the hospital of Palinges, Thomas de Burtthone, Robert de Manekesye, Thomas de Bestenowre, Richard de la Gare, Henry de la Bireche, John Giffard, Alan of Robertsbridge, Thomas de Holt, William de Holt, Walter Foleth, Ralph de Ferne.

Seal oval, 1¾ inch. A bird. Legend, 'S. Hodierne de Cobbeford.'

143 Milo Maufye to the Abbey.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of 1 pound of wax, which Gervase, son of Andrew of Winchelese was wont to give him in respect of the land he held of him in the vill of Walderne, the same to be received by them at the feast of the assumption of the Blessed Mary, at the light before the altar where the daily mass of the Blessed Mary is sung. — *Witnesses:* William de Muncell, Henry de Prestune, Thomas de Burthune, Herebert de Burgherse, Richard de Gare, Renuger de Bosco, Henry de Birch, William de Sokenesse, Symon de Hydenye, Alan of Robertsbridge, Thomas de Harmere, Thomas de Holt, William his son.

Seal the same as to No. 138.

144 Hodierna, widow of Robert de Alsiston, to the Monks.

Quitclaim, in her free widowhood, of 1 pound of cumin which Milo Maufey was wont to pay to the said Robert her husband in

respect of the land he held of him in Walderne of the fee of Cobeford.—*Witnesses:* Thomas de Burcthone, Robert de Manekesye, Thomas de Bestenow, Richard de la Gare, Henry de la Bireche, John Giffard, Alan of Robertsbridge, Thomas de Holt, William de Holt, Thomas de Herst, Walter Foleth, Ralph de Ferne.

Seal the same as to No. 142.

145 Adam de Cobeford to the Abbey.

Confirmation of all the land which was once Milo Maufie's, being of his fee and which Gervase son of Andrew de Winchelese gave them in frank-almoign, and in respect of which they rendered him (Adam) 12*d.* yearly at their grange called Derne; quit of all service save the King's scutage as much as belongs to a twentieth part of a knight's fee.—*Witnesses:* Henry de Prestune, Robert de Glotingeham, Adam his son, Henry de Birche, Alan of Robertsbridge, Richard Venator, Ralph de Ferne, Alan his brother, Thomas de Houte, William his son, Walter Folet, Gilbert his brother.

Seal round, $1\frac{3}{8}$ inch. A lion rampant. Legend, 'Sigill. Ade de Cobeford.'

146 Adam de Cobeford to the Monks.

Confirmation of all the land which Gervase son of Andrew de Wynchelese gave them in frankalmoign, and which the said Gervase once held of Milo Maufie in Walderne; subject to the yearly payment of 22*d.*, but quit of castleguard, hundred and sheriff's aid, and all other aids taillages and customs, excepting the King's scutage as much as belongs to the twentieth part of a knight's fee.—*Witnesses:* Henry de Prestune, Anfrid de Feringes, Thomas de Burton, Herbert de Burgherse, Richard de Gare, Richard de Henle, Remiger de Bosco, Symon de Hydenie, Henry de Berch, Richard de Hangeltune, Richard de Cumbe, Alan of Robertsbridge, Thomas de Haremere.

Seal the same as to No. 145.

147 Adam de Cobeford to the Abbey.

Confirmation of all the tenements the monks have of his fee, as well those they have of him in frankalmoign, viz: a moiety of the land called Sclochter, towards the South, and the field called

Longewische, as those on which they pay him a rent, viz: the remaining moiety of Selochtre towards the north, on which they pay him a rent of 5*s.* and the land which was Milo Maufye's, which Gervase son of Andrew de Wincheles, gave them in frankalmoign, and on which they pay the grantor a rent of 22*d.*; which rents are paid yearly at their grange in lieu of all services, save King's scutage as much as belongs to the twentieth part of a knight's fee.—*Witnesses:* Lord Peter prior of Michelham, John parson of Heillesham, Henry de Prestone, William Chaplain of Hothlegh, Roger Chaplain of Helingelegh, Thomas de Burtune, Henry de Berch, Hamo de Alfrichestune, Alan of Robertsbridge, Thomas de Holt, William his son, Hugh de Fristune.

Seal round, $1\frac{3}{8}$ inch. A lion rampant. Legend, 'Sigil. Ade de Cobeforde.'

148 Avice, widow of Rikeward de Hellingeleigh, to the Monks.

Quitclaim of one acre of meadow in Haswisse, which she had received as dower on the death of her husband Rikeward.—*Witnesses:* Randulf Brade, William de Norhertun, Alan of Robertsbridge, Simon de Grava, Roger de Herste.

Seal oval, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch. A fleur-de-lys. Legend, 'Sigill. A. . . . de Hellgal. .'

149 Richer de Hellingele, son of Richuard de Hellingele, to the Monks.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of two parts of a meadow in the parish of Chitingelegh called Aswise, viz: 2 acres lying lengthways and to the west of the third part, between the land of Ralph Brade and that of Robert de Freendenn.—*Witnesses:* Randulf Brade, Richard de Lullingtun, William de Omblee, Henry de Burch, Hamo de Friston, Gerold de Middeltun, Thomas de Holt, Alan of Robertsbridge, Elyas Folet, Ralph de Ferne, Simon de Ferne, Robert Gerold.

Seal round, 1 inch. An eagle pruning his wing. Legend, 'S. Richeri de Ellingeleghe.'

150 Richier, son of Rikeward de Hellingeleigh to the Monks.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of all his meadow in Hasswise, being two acres of his own inheritance and one acre of the dower of his

mother Avice, which she had resigned to him in his court, and had quitclaimed by charter to the monks.—*Witnesses:* Randulf Brade, William de Norhertun, Alan of Robertsbridge, Simon de Grava, Roger de Herste, Philip de Herstbrigge, William de Haveginorigge.

Seal the same as to No. 149.

151 Adam de Cobeford to the Abbey.

Sale for 22*s.* of a rent of 22*d.*, part of the rent of 5*s.*, which the Monks were wont to pay him in respect of the land of Slohtre he sold them: the residue of the 5*s.*, viz: 3*s.* 2*d.*, to continue to be paid to him at their grange in Derne.—*Witnesses:* Thomas de Burton, Robert de Glotingeham, William Chaplain of Hadley, Henry de Prestune, Henry de Burche, Geraird le Bret, Symon de Helingeley, Geraird de Hendene, Andrew de Muchelham, John Frakelan, John de Posingwrthe, Alan of Robertsbridge.

Seal the same as to No. 145.

152 Adam de Cobeford to the Abbey.

Sale, for 10*s.* and ½ a seam of corn, of a yearly rent of 12*d.* which they were wont to pay him in respect of a tenement they held of him in Slohtre, so that neither he nor his heirs will make any claim either upon Slohtre or the land which was Milo Maufe's, except for 4*s.* only.—*Witnesses:* Thomas de Burton, Robert de Manekes, Thomas de Bestonore, Simon de Ydeney, Henry de Berche, Richard de Camera, William Grisilun, Thomas de Holt, William his son, John Frankeleyn, William Royfer, Symon de Grave.

Seal the same as to No. 145.

153 Adam de Cobeford, to the Abbey.

Sale, for 10*s.* and ½ a seam of corn, of a yearly rent of 12*d.*, part of a rent of 3*s.*, they were wont to pay him in respect of a tenement they held of him in Slohtre, so that in future neither he nor his heirs will make any claim either upon Slohtre or the land which was Milo Maufye's, save the King's scutage upon the latter, except for 2*s.* a year only.—*Witnesses:* Robert de Glottingeham, Adam his son, Henry

de Prestune, Henry de Birch, Alan of Robertsbridge, Richard Venator, Ralph de Ferne, Alan his brother, Thomas de Hout, William his son, Walter Folet, Gilbert his brother.

Seal the same as to No. 145.

154 Adam de Cobbeford to Hugh his son.

Grant, for his homage and service, of the grove of Ebrichesham, with all the appurtenances, save the road, subject to the yearly rent of 1*d.* for all service.—*Witnesses:* Robert de Glotingham, Adam his son, Alan of Robertsbridge, John Frankelein, Andrew de Michelam, John de Posingewurth, William Roifur, Hugh Chinne, Geoffrey de Runthinton, Ralph de Runthinton, William Turnur, Henry Maufye.

Seal the same as to No. 145.

155 Adam de Cobbeford to the Monks.

Grant of 4*s.* yearly rent, which his son Robert was wont to pay him for the land of Eylbrihtesham, and which Ralph de Eylbrihtesham once held of him: also the homage and service of Ricuard de la Forde, son of Osmund, with all his tenement and yearly render of 12*d.* to the monks, and with all other the services he was wont to do him in respect of that tenement; also his meadow next Slohtre bridge and all his right of pasture in Walderne forest; together with the reversion of the land of Eylbrihtesham on the death of his son Robert, to deal with as they please.—*Witnesses:* Thomas de Burtune, Henry de Prestun, Henry de Birche, Robert de Glotingeham, William de Sokenasse, John de Posingewerthe, Andrew de Migelham, Gerard de Handenne, Gerard le Bret, Alan of Robertsbridge, Ralph de Ferne, Walter Folet.

Seal the same as to No. 145.

156 Hugh, son of Adam de Cobeford, to the Monks.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of all the land of Eylbrihtesham which Adam his father gave him for his free service, and lying between the land which was once Mylo Maufye's, towards the south, and the land which Geoffrey the grantor's brother holds of the Lord of Ronde, and the land of his brother Robert towards the west, and the gate

next the King's highway, leading into the forest. — *Witnesses:* Henry de Prestune, Robert de Glotingeham, Adam his son, Henry de Birche, Alan of Robertsbridge, Richard Venator, Ralph de Ferne, Alan his brother, Thomas de Houte, William his son, Walter Folet, Gilbert his brother.

Seal oval, $1\frac{5}{8}$ inch. An eagle reguardant pruning his wing. Legend, '. . . Hugonis de Cobe. . . . .'.

157 Robert, son of Adam de Cobbeford, to the Monks.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of half an acre of meadow, in the meadow of Slotre. — *Witnesses:* Henry de Biliche, John de Posingewurthe, Adam de Cobbeforde, Geoffrey his son, Hugh his son, Andrew de Micheleham, Peter his son.

Seal round, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch. A fleur-de-lys seeded in form of trefoils. Legend, 'S. Roberti de Cobford.'

158 Robert, son and heir of Adam de Cobeforde, to the Monks.

Quit claim of all his right in the land of Edbrictesham, which his father let him occupy for his sustenance and then gave to the monks by his charter; subject to the yearly payments to his father and his heirs of 4*d.* for castleguard of Pevenesel, 1*d.* for sheriffs' aid, for 'hecagium' as much as belongs to so much land, for King's scutage $7\frac{1}{2}d.$ in 20*s.*, as for a fee of Morton, and hundred silver 2*d.* — *Witnesses:* Lord Henry de Prestun, Henry de Birche, John de Posingwurthe, Robert Livet, Henry Maufie, Andrew de Michelam, Andrew de Alehste, William Royfer, Robert de Bokelie.

Seal the same as to No. 157.

159 Robert de Cobbeford to the Monks.

Confirmation of all the lands and tenements given them by Adam his father, viz: all the land of Slohtre lying between the water which runs from Slohtre bridge and the King's highway leading from the said bridge to Walderne forest and the land which was Milo Maufe's. Also all the land given them by Gervase Andrews of Winchelese, who bought it of Milo Maufe, and all the land of Eylbrihtesham together with that part of it and the grove

there which his brother Hugh gave them; and the homage and service of the heirs of Richard de la Forde, son of Osmund, with all his tenement; subject as to Eylbrihtesham to the yearly payment to him of 4*d.* for castleguard of Pevenesel, 1*d.* for sheriffs' aid, $7\frac{1}{2}d.$ in 20*s.* scutage when it happens, and 2*d.* for hundred silver; and as to the other lands and tenements, to the yearly payment of 7*d.* at their grange of Derne.—*Witnesses:* Thomas de Burgthune, William Maufey, Bartholomew de Esburnhamme, Robert de Sedeslescumbe, Henry de Prestun, Henry de Birche, John de Pesingewurthe, Andrew de Micheleham, Michael de Beche, Alan of Robertsbridge, Ralph de Ferne, Renger de Watlingethune.

Seal the same as to No. 157.

160 Roger, son of Stephen de Burstowe, to the Monks.

Inspeximus and confirmation of a charter of the said Stephen, by which are confirmed to the monks all the lands they had in Promhelle of the fee of old Romenal or of Langeport, viz: all the tenement which was Dudeman's, all the tenement they have of the gift of Geoffrey son of Richard, all they have in Pedlinges of the gift of Thomas son of Godfrey, all the tenement they have of the gifts of Hamo, William, Augustin and Adam, sons of Thomas Lanche, all the tenement they have of the gift of Robert de Freinshope, and of William son of Hamo, and all the tenement they have of the gift of William Lanche in Pedlinges; with the appurtenances, subject to the yearly payment of 6*s.* $11\frac{1}{4}d.$, at Old Romenal for all service.—*Witnesses:* Nicholas de Haulo, knight, then sheriff of Kent, Master Peter de Depham, Master Hugh, rector of Romenal Church, Thomas Humfrey, John Colebrond, Hugh Blund, Hamo de Hope, William de Lewes, Henry de Westun, Godfrey de Pette, Alan of Robertsbridge, Ralph de Ferne.

Seal oval, $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch. A man's head. Legend, 'Sigill: Rogeri fils: . . . ni.'

161 Matilda, daughter and heir of Hugh de Lundresford, to the Monks.

Grant, in frankalmoign, in her widowhood, of 1 acre of meadow lying to the north, next the alders and swamp which adjoin the acre of meadow given them by her father, together with said alder-

bed and swamp so far as they divide the said 2 acres. Confirmation of her father's grant.— *Witnesses:* Laurence de Mundifeld, Alan of Robertsbridge, William de Sokenerse, Richard son of Robert de Glotingeham, Maneser de Herste, Helias Folet, Ralph de Ferne, John and Symon his brothers, Geoffrey le Bodere.

Seal oval, 1½ inch. A kind of fleur-de-lys. Legend, 'Sigill: Matil: de Lv̄dresf:'.

162 Matilda, daughter of Hugh de Lundresford, to the Monks.

Grant of the same premises as in the preceding, with the addition of a right of road to the meadow through the field which is called Posterneham and lies next the Court of Lundredisford towards the south.— *Witnesses:* Same as to No. 161.

Seal same as to No. 161.

163 The Abbey and Agatha, widow of Hugh de Lundresford, and Matilda her daughter.

Agreement by which Agatha and Matilda (in their widowhood) quitclaim all their tenement of Henehurst lying next the forest of the Earl of Ow over against Blakebroc, to be held in frankalmoign. It is regranted to them for their lives with the proviso that the men of Henehurst shall render to the monks *2s. 6d.* yearly out of the said tenement in capite as if to their true lords. Provisoes in case of lawful issue of either of them, the said Agatha and Matilda, and against sale or any kind of alienation.— *Witnesses:* Laurence de Mundifeld, Eadmund de Hastings, Thomas de Wyllardesby, Alan of Robertsbridge, Elyas Folet, Philip de Padiham, Ralph de Ferne.

Seal oval, 1½ inch. Device, a priest standing with pastoral staff in his left hand. Legend, 'Sigillum Abbatis de Ponte Roberti.'

164 The Abbey and Agatha, widow of Hugh de Lundresford, and Matilda her daughter.

Agreement identical with the preceding, and having the same witnesses.

Two *Seals*:—

1. Oval, ⅞ inch. A gem. Legend, 'Sigillum . . .eti.'
2. Oval, 1½ inch. A kind of fleur-de-lys. Legend, 'Sigill: Matild: de Lv̄dresf:'.

165 Thomas son of Aelwin Spurneprud, and John son of Geoffrey Spurneprud, and Wulwin son of Aedwi, to the Abbey.

Sale, for 4 silver marks and 3 pairs of shoes, of all those lands held of the Abbey lying between the bank which stands on the land called Soeckene and the small bank, and between the King's road which runs in front of the Chapel to Winchelese and the bounds of Kent in Vike and in Promhell, except $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre lying above '*Galeiam*,' between the land of Elwin son of Suanilda, and that of Vincentius de Hastings on the side of the same '*Galeia*,' next the land of the said Vincentius; to hold at the yearly rent of 3*d*.—*Witnesses:* Laurence de Mundifeld, Henry Pethun, William de Farley, Thomas son of Walter, Osbert his brother, Helyas Foleth, Ralph son of Helyas, Alan of Robertsbridge.

Three *Seals*:—

1. Oval, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch. Device, a quatrefoil. Legend, 'Sigill: Thome fil: Elfwini.'
2. Oval, $1\frac{5}{8}$ inch. A leaf. Legend, 'Sigill: Johis fil: Galfridi.'
3. Oval, $1\frac{5}{8}$ inch. A crescent surmounted by an estoille. Legend, 'Sigill: Vlfw. . . . . .wini.'

166 Thomas son of Aelwin Spurneprud, and John son of Geoffrey Spurneprud, and Wulwin son of Aedwi, to the Abbey.

This document is identical with No. 165, but without mention of the $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre there excepted.—*Witnesses:* Same as to No. 165, except that the name of Helyas Foleth is here omitted.

3 *Seals* same as to No. 165.

167 29 May, 1223. M: Abbat of Lesnes, W: Prior of Rochester, and W: Prior of Lesnes.

After reciting a mandate of the Pope (Honorius), dated at Viterbo, 5 kal: Dec: 4 Pontif: whereby he gave power to the said Abbat and Priors, or any two of them, when there was no legate in England, to proceed against those who did wrong to the Abbat and Convent of Robertsbridge, compel them to restitution and condemn

them in costs ;—and reciting that the said Abbat and Convent had lodged a complaint against William de Pertlington, a layman, who owed them suit of court, and who, although he had given his faith to bear himself as their man, yet had afterwards refused, and withheld his service, and had procured the beasts of their brethren to be seized by the castellans of Hastings, to their damage of 20 marks, whereupon they prayed justice to be done :—and that the proceedings were in due form :—They, by the authority of the mandate, and by the advice of their counsel, condemn William in 10 marks for damages, and enjoin him for the future to do suit of court when necessary and after summons, and condemn him in 40*s.* for the costs of the plaintiffs : both sums to be paid in four months. Done in the parish church of Derteford, 4: kal: Jun: 1223 ; 7. Honorius 3.

Only the upper part of one seal (detached) remaining, showing the cupola of a church, and the legend, 'Sigillum ec. . . . . snes.'

168 1225. Alice, Countess of Ow, daughter and heir of Henry, Earl of Ow, to the Monks.

Confirmation, during widowhood, in frankalmoign, for the soul of herself and ancestors, and for the soul of Ralph de Ysodun her lord, Earl of Ow, of common pasture in her forest of Burghersse for 24 oxen and 20 cows with their calves for 3 years, and for 8 mares with their colts, together with a certain station, for 3 years : at the end of 3 years, and for a further term of 2 years, a calf to count as a cow, and a colt as a mare : the same to be held of her and her heirs in exchange for dead wood and all usage and claim in her forest of Burghersse. Also of the pasture next her forest, viz: from Worda to Britling, and to the fence (*indaginem*) of Nadrefeld, and to Mannesbroc, and to the stream where 3 roads meet, and on the west to the Abbey pasture, saving to herself and heirs and their men their ancient usages within the metes. Also of Worda with Cumbe, next her forest of Britling, with the villeins, rents, and appurtenances. Also of certain land at Burghersse under the church of Britling, called Rumdanne, and the land of Hanherst, next her grove. Done at Elham, 1225.—*Witnesses :* Master Roger de Elham vicar of Elham Church, Simon de Achingeham, Peter de Escotenies, Simon de Bosco, and Reginald de Castro Ayraud: knights, Robert de Gusovisle, Andrew Carbonel,

Ralph Forester, William de Metulo, Hugh de Auch:, and Laurence, my clerks.

Seal oval, imperfect. The same as engraved in the 'Journal of the Archæological Institute,' No. 44. Arms, Barry of 22 pieces, and in chief a label of 8 points.

169 John de Lundresford to the Monks.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of $2\frac{1}{4}$ acres of meadow; one acre lying lengthways next the meadow they have of the gift of Matilda, daughter of Hugh de Lundresford his uncle towards the north, and $1\frac{1}{4}$ acres lying lengthways towards the south, next the meadow they have of the gift of the said Hugh. Warranty of said grants of Matilda and Hugh, and of the right of road through field called Posterneham.—*Witnesses:* Laurence de Mundifeld, Richard de Esseburneham, Robert Basog, Alan of Robertsbridge, Stephen Prat, Ralph de Ferne, William de Sokenerse, Simon de Ferne, Manasser de Herst, Philip de Padiham, Robert Folet, John de Ferne.

Seal round, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch. A four-leaved rose seeded. Legend, 'Sigill: Johannis de Lvntsford.'

170 William, son of Henry de Bodiham, to William de Siwell.

Grant on marriage with his sister Isabel of all his land of Osindenne which had been given to his father Henry on his marriage with Margaret, the grantor's mother.—*Witnesses:* William abbat of Robertsbridge, Jord: abbat of Begham, Robert de Aubervill, Walter de Dene, Robert de Glotingeham, Furminus de Sibdelwald, Wocelin de Haremere, Henry de Tyreshersse, Robert Cocus.

Seal the same as to No. 122.

171 The Abbey and Eadwin Dolling: and Martin, son of Gedwin and nephew of said Eadwin.

Agreement (by indenture) made in the Abbat's Court of Mareltresden before Lord Laurence de Mundifeld, Henry de Tyresserse, Alan of Robertsbridge, John de Bissopesdenn, Gocelin le Vaite,

James his brother and others. Eadwin and Martin have yielded up to the Abbey the tenement they have held of it, viz: that which Norman and his brother have held, and the Abbey has given them in exchange a yearly live rent of *2s.* to be rendered at Michaelmas at Snargate, and 8 silver marks consideration money.

Seals gone.

172 William, Abbat of Robertsbridge, v: Robert de Aubervill and Clarice his wife.

23 June, 1219.

Final concord made in the King's court at Canterbury 15 days from the octaves of the Holy Trinity 3 H. 3, before B: Bishop of Rochester, John de Gestling, James Salvage, Henry de Cobeham, Ralph Tablel, Gilbert de Abingewrth, justices itinerant, by which Robert and Clarice recognize one virgate of land with appurtenances in Nordiham to be the frankalmoign of the Abbat: consideration money, 7 silver marks.

173 William de Lose and the Abbat of Robertsbridge.

22 Nov. 1229.

Final concord made in the King's Court at Lewes the Thursday next after the feast of St. Eadmund, 14 H. 3, before Thomas de Muleton, Robert de Lexinton, John Marescall, Geoffrey de Luscy, William de London, and William de Insula, justices itinerant, by which William de Lose quitclaims to the Abbat one carucate of land with appurtenances in Purifend.

174 William de Lhoses to the Abbey.

Quit claim, in consideration of 16 silver marks, of all the right he claimed in the King's court to have in the tenement of Purefeld.—*Witnesses:* Gilebert Barrer, Laurence de Mundifeld, Geoffrey de Knell, Robert Basoc, Osbert de Harmere, Thomas his brother, Manasser de Herst, Helyas Foleth, Alan of Robertsbridge, Ralph de Ferne, Robert de Padiham, Philip de Padiham, Barthol: de Haremere, Henry de Tiresherse.

Seal round, $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch. A large bird courant reguardant, wings elevated. Legend, 'Sigill: Will: filii Radulfi de Lose.'

175 Robert de Glotingeham to the Monks.

Grant, in frankalmoign, for the soul of himself and his wife Alienor, of 2 acres of his brook land, lying between the monks' meadow of Pokelesherse and his field called Estlond; also a way from the said meadow and brook, beyond the said field, in breadth not more than 20 feet, and running through the middle of his court and then outside all his land as far as the land of William de Sokenerse, in front of the house of Robert son of Gervase de Glotingham, up to the high road leading to Brithling.—*Witnesses:* Robert Basoches, Robert de Ocham, Robert de Brede, William de Sokenerse, Alan of Robertsbridge, Godfrey de Pethte, Thomas de Herste, Henry de Padiham, Ralph de Ferne, Walter Foleth, Thomas and Gilbert his brothers.

Seal round, $1\frac{3}{8}$ inch. An eagle reguard: pruning his wing. Legend, 'S: Roberti de Glotingeh:'.

176 Robert de Glotingeham to the Monks.

Grant, for the soul of himself and his wife Alienor, of 1 acre of his brook with the ditch of 8 feet inclosing it, lying next the piece he gave them previously. Confirmation of the field called Pukewille, the gift of his ancestors, and a way through the middle of the field called Estlond; and the monks admit him and his wife, his ancestors and heirs, to all the spiritual benefits of their house.—*Witnesses:* Robert Basoch, Robert de Brede, Henry de Tiresershe, William de Sokenerse, Alan of Robertsbridge, Adam my son, Hosbert de Haremere, Thomas his brother, Godfrey de Pette, Thomas de Herste, Henry de Padiham, Ralph de Ferne, Walter Folet.

Seal the same as to No. 175.

177 Robert Basok, of Sedelescumbe, to the Abbey.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of all the land which Gilbert de Stretfelde once held in the vill of Sedelescumbe, viz: that which William Pruke and Thomas his brother once held of him, and lying lengthways, between the land which was Pagan de Curia's and that of Stretfelde, and breadthways, next the land of Symon de Walreg: and that of William de Werthe on one side, and next the land of

Egelintune and that of Beche on the other; subject to the yearly rent of 6*s.* for all service.—*Witnesses:* Robert de Glotingham, William de Sokenasse, Nicholas Wacelin, William de Bodiham, Robert de Okam, Thomas de Wygeselle, Alan of Robertsbridge, Osbert de Haremere, Walter de Berneherste, Adam de Cobeford, Ralph de Ferne, Richard Venator.

Seal round, 1¼ inch. A fleur-de-lys. Legend, 'Sigill: Roberti Basoc.'

178 Adam, son of Robert de Glotingeham, to the Monks.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of a yearly rent of 2*s.*, to be paid by William le Coliere, of Curtingehope which is of the monks' fee, and which was hitherto paid to the grantor.—*Witnesses*: Robert de Brede, Alan of Robertsbridge, Henry de Padiham, Richard Venator, Thomas de Herste, Geoffrey le Bodere, Walter Foleth, Thomas and Gilbert his brothers, William le Grom, Alan his brother, Ralph de Ferne.

Seal gone.

179 Richard Drui, son of Simon Drui, to the Monks.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of all the land which Luke son of Ingelberd de Fukesham held of him, with the service he owed him, and all the land lying between his garden and the said land, being all in the parish of Northihamme.—*Witnesses:* Robert de Brede, Alan of Robertsbridge, Henry de Padiham, Richard Venator, Thomas de Herst, Geoffrey le Bodere, Walter Foleth, Thomas and Gilbert his brothers, William le Grom, Ralph de Ferne, Alan his brother.

Seal gone.

180 Richard, son of Simon Drui, to the Monks.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of all his tenement and messuage in the vill of Nordihamme, quit of all service save to the king and capital lord.—*Witnesses:* Robert de Brede, Alan of Robertsbridge, Henry de Padihamme, Richard Venator, Thomas de Herst, Geoffrey le Bodere, Walter Foleth, Thomas and Gilbert his brothers, William le Grom, Ralph de Ferne, Alan his brother.

Seal round, 1¼ inch. Legend, 'S: Ricardi Dru.'

181 William, Abbat of Robertsbridge, to Luke son of Ingelbert de Fukeham.

Grant of all the land which Richard Drui son of Simon Drui gave the house in frankalmoign, as well that which Luke hitherto held of Richard, as the remainder which lies between it and the said Richard's garden : subject to the yearly payment of 12*d.* for all service save to the king, viz: for every mark a quarter. — *Witnesses :* Alan of Robertsbridge, Henry de Padihamme, Thomas de Hêrst, Ralph de Kichenham, Hugh de Kichenore, John de Kichenor his brother, Adam Dikesterne, Valentine de Edelnix, Luke Cassin, Geoffrey de Broc, William de Glisye, John de Glisie his son.

Seal round, a fragment.

182 The Abbey of Robertsbridge and Lord Hamo de Crevequer.

March, 1233.

Agreement by which Hamo surrenders all his land in the marsh of Legh, from the flete on the east side of the house the monks built in the same marsh as far as the water of Rie to the west, and on the north side from Finchesflet as far as the monks' land towards the south. The monks to inclose, and after inclosure to cede a third part of the arable to Hamo ; the residue to remain to the monks in frankalmoign, who are to keep up the sea defences. The residue of Hamo's land outside that inclosed in the first year, the monks are to have the power to inclose during 10 years, after which to remain at the disposal of Hamo and his heirs. — *Witnesses :* J: Abbat of Boxley, whose seal is appended, Brothers Daniel and William, monks of Boxley, John de Crevequer, Stephen le Borne, Laurence de Mundefeld, Samson de Leveresham, Geoffrey de Witrichesham, Richard de Badebur:, Henry Boidin, Thomas clerk of Apeldre, Sefrid de Legh, Alan of Robertsbridge. Done in the year of the election of E: Archbishop of Canterbury in the month of March.

Two *Seals* :—

1. Oval, 1½ inch. An upright robed figure holding a pastoral staff in his right hand. Legend, 'Sigill: Abbacie de Boxel. . . .'
2. Round, 1½ inch. Knight on horse with sword and shield .Legend, 'Sigill: Hamo. . . de Crevequer.'

183 Abbey of Robertsbridge and Hamo de Crevequer.

1234. Agreement by which Hamo surrenders all the land lying between Finchesfleth and Bradesflet beginning on the east at the top of the said Finchesflet and extending towards the west between the said fletes as far as the water which stretches from Rie to Morbrigge: the same to be inclosed together with Finchesfleth by and at the expense of the monks, Hamo contributing 12 marks sterling and after inclosure to receive 5 acres next the 'hora' of the said Finchesfleth stretching lengthways from the eastern to the western bank, and on the other side 5 acres next the same flethe and likewise stretching from the eastern to the western bank together with the flete which he retains to his own use: all the residue inside and outside the banks to belong to and be defended by the monks: the third part of all arable land inclosed after the first inclosure to remain to Hamo and his heirs. Dated 1234.—*Witnesses:* Lord John Abbat of Boxley, who has put his seal to this present writing, John de Crevequer, Laurence de Mundefeld, Robert de Glothingham, Herbert de Burruherse, Robert de Hocham, Samson de Leuresham, Sefred de Legh, Godfrey de Pette, Richard de Gaddeburg, Alan of Robertsbridge, Thomas de Haremere.

Seal the same as to No. 182.

184 The Abbat of Robertsbridge and Finche of Winchellesse.

Convention whereby the abbat surrenders to Finche for life the land of Pocleherse, excepting 3 acres lying at the top of the said Finche's meadow and which the abbat retains; also pannage out of the forest and dead wood for his fires and fences: reserved rent, 10*s.* a year.—*Witnesses:* Robert de Glotingham, Laurence de Mundefeld, Thomas de Haremere, Alan of Robertsbridge, Bartholomew de Haremere, Nicholas brother of Alan, Ralph de Ferne, John his brother, Philip de Padiham, Henry de Tireshers, Henry de Padiham, Robert de Hocham.

Seal round, 1¼ inch. A large bird courant, reguard:. Legend, 'Sigill: Fincen. . . de Wincelese.'

185 The Abbat of Robertsbridge and Vincent Vinch of Winchelese.

Convention by which Vincent quitclaims all the land of Poples-

hersche which he held by the yearly rent of 10*s.* and the abbat surrenders in exchange all the land which was once Henry Gode's in the marsh of Grikes to be held by the yearly rent of 1 mark. Vincent also gives the abbey, after his death, his body and half of all his chattels.—*Witnesses:* Laurence de Mundifeld, Robert de Glotingeham, Oliver de Westefeld, Bartholomew de Haremere, Osbert de Haremere, Thomas his brother, Robert de Hoccam, William de Sokeness, Alan of Robertsbridge, Ralph de Ferne, Geoffrey Bodere, Walter Foleth.

Seal, 1¼ inch. 8 leaves in form of a star. Legend, 'S: Vincencius de Pir.'

186 Walter de Havokhyrst and Avice his sister.

Convention by which William receives the said Avice with a third part of the land of Pokelesherse which the abbat and convent of Robertsbridge gave her for life of their favour, together with all the chattels, and agrees to keep her in food and clothing and all necessaries as he would his wife or himself. If either of them withdraw from the agreement a fine of 40*s.* is to be paid to the Abbat, or the land and chattels resumed till payment. If Avice dies within six years, she is to have the disposal of half the chattels, if afterwards a third part only.—*Witnesses:* Alan of Robertsbridge, Nicholas his brother, Bartholomew de Haremere, Helyas Folet, Ralph de Ferne, Vincent de Winchelese.

Two *Seals*:—

1. Round, 1⅜ inch. A star formed of leaves. Legend, 'Sigill: Walteri de E. . .'
2. Oval, 1⅜ inch. The tail half of a fish erect. Legend, 'Signum (Aelive?).'

187 Vincent, Canon and then Dean of the Prebendal Church of St: Mary's Hastings and the Abbey.

Agreement, by which Vincent, with the assent of the Chapter, quitclaims for himself and successors to the Abbey, all his right in the land of Badilond in Yweherste which he had of the gift of Stephen de Barmlinge and Mabel de Walilonde his wife, reserving to himself and successors a rent of 6*s.* a year for all service. Power of distress, and warranty against all parties but the heirs of Mabel de Walilonde.—*Witnesses:* William de Echingeham, Joel de St:

Germans, William de Sokenasse, Robert de Sedelescumbe, Michael de Beche, Adam de Glotingeham, Robert Marscot, Richard de Oore, Alan of Robertsbridge, Ralph de Ferne, Renger de Watlingetune, John de Sedelescumbe.

Two *Seals*:—

1. Oval, $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch. Virgin and Child under a canopy. Legend, 'S: Decani . . . . Marie de Hastinge.'
2. Oval, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches. A robed figure seated. Legend, '. . . Eccle: de . . arie . . . . astingis.'

The latter appears to be the same as the third seal engraved in 'Suss: Arch: Coll:' xiii. p. 133.

188 Henry de Padiham to the Abbey.

Sale of Gilbert son of Robert le Coliere of Yweherste with all his belongings and chattels for 8*s.* sterling.—*Witnesses:* Joel de St: German, William de Soken:, Robert Gloting:, Robert de Setelescumbe, Michael de Beche, John de Setelesc:, Thomas de Wygeselle, Daniel de Kichenh:, Alan of Robertsbridge, Ralph de Ferne, Adam de Cobeford, Robert de Cobeford.

Seal oval, $1\frac{3}{8}$ inch. A rude fleur-de-lys. Legend, 'S: Henrici de Padiham.'

189 Renger de Watlingetune to the Monks.

Grant in frankalmoign of 7 perches of land in breadth and 12 in length for the extension of their garden (*vivarium*) in Fudilande and for making a ditch outside; which land was lately held of him by Walter atte Beche in Watlingetune.—*Witnesses:* William de Sokenasse, Joel de St: German, Robert de Glotingeham, Robert de Sedelescumbe, John de Sedelescumbe, Daniel de Kichenham, Alan of Robertsbridge, Thomas de Wygeselle, Sefrid de Lehge, Robert de Cobeford, Ralph de Ferne, Alan de Ferne.

Seal round, $1\frac{3}{8}$ inch. 4 leaves in form of a cross. Legend, '. . . ngger de Watlintune.'

190 Reynger de Wathlington to Mabel, daughter and heir of Robert de Walilonde.

Grant of all the land lying between that of the monks called Morgtheue on the north and that which the said Mabel holds of

the prebendal church of Hastings on the east, and between the way from Popenothford to Grove on the south and the land of the said monks on the west, and which had been duly perambulated by king's writ and adjudged to Mabel : subject to the yearly rent of 10*d.* for all service.—*Witnesses:* Joel de St: German, William de Sokenersse, Robert de Sedelescumbe, Michael de Beche, Henry de Tireshersse, Richard de Stakand, Osbert de Haremer, John de Huckestepe, John de Sedelescumbe, Alan of Robertsbridge, Ralph de Ferne, Walter de Lunesford.

Seal oval, 1½ inch. A lion rampant. Legend, '. . . Regger de Watlgtun.'

191 H: Prior of Cumbwell.

Letter requesting his friends Robert de Glotingeham, Geoffrey de Saxingehurst, Giles de Pesselegh, Bartholomew and Osbert de Haremere, William de la Ware, Alan of Robertsbridge, William de Ferrigge, Walter his brother, Ralph de Ferne, Richard Venator and Walter Foleth to witness a sale his house has made to the monks of Robertsbridge of 12*d.* yearly rent which it receives from Henry de Hothlegh and his heirs of the gift of Engerran de Frecennevilla.

Seal torn off.

192 Alice Countess of Ow to the Abbey.

1241. Grant in frankalmoign (in her widowhood) of the mill of Winham with the pond and other appurtenances. Dated 1241.—*Witnesses:* Master Geoffrey rector of Helam Church, Lord Roger, knight, de Sancto Anieto, Robert de Glotingeham, knight, Hugh de Auch: rector of Turroch Church, Robert de Goscevil, Herbert de Burgherse, Ralph Forester, Alan of Robertsbridge, Peter de Auch:, Geoffrey le Bode, Ralph de Ferne, Walter Foleth.

Seal oval, nearly 3 inches. Same as to No. 168. A female figure in profile standing, holding in her right hand a fleur-de-lys, and on her left a hawk with its jesses pendent, and with a cap on her head. Legend, 'Sigillum Haelis Comitisse Au. . .' On the reverse a shield, Barry of 22 pieces, and in chief a label of 8 points ; above and below the shield a double rose. Legend, 'Sigillum Haelis Comitisse Augi.' Engraved in the 'Journal of the Archæological Institute,' No. 44.

193 c. 1244. R: Bishop of Chichester.

Exemplification under his seal of a privilege of Pope Innocent addressed to the Cistercian houses in the provinces of Canterbury and York, and dated at Lateran 10 kal: Mar: in the first year of his pontificate : it recites a previous indulgence of exemption from small tithes and declares that the exemption is to extend as well to acquisitions after as before the Council.

Seal oval, a fragment only.

194 The Abbey of Robertsbridge and Stephen de Barmlinge and Mabel his wife.

Concord by which Stephen and Mabel grant to the Abbey all the land of Walilande and $7\frac{1}{2}$ acres of meadow next Bodiham bridge, subject to the yearly rent of 20*s.* during their joint lives ; and after the death of either of them, if Stephen survives he is to receive nothing, but if Mabel survives, she is to receive 10*s.* a year for clothes, a daily allowance of a loaf and gallon of beer for herself, and 3 loaves of common bread and 1 gallon of small beer for her maid, and every year 3 fat hogs of the value of 2*s.* each, 3 carcases of mutton of 8*d.* each, half a '*pondus*' of cheese, 500 herrings, half an *ambra* of salt, half a bushel of oatmeal, 2 bushels of beans, 10 wagon loads of wood, 2 wagon loads of straw, a pair of felted boots in winter and a pair not felted in summer. — *Witnesses :* William de Sokenesse, Robert de Glottingham, Robert de Sedelecombe, Alan of Robertsbridge, William Long, Henry de Thirhs.

Two *Seals* :—

1. Round, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch. A fleur-de-lys. Legend, 'S: Stephani de Bernlinge.'
2. Round, $1\frac{3}{8}$ inch. A star of 8 leaves. Legend, 'S: Mabilie de Walilonde.'

195 25 Nov. 1246. William Abbat of Robertsbridge v. Stephen de Barmelinge and Mabel his wife.

Final concord made in the king's court at Westminster 15 days from the feast of St: Martin, 31 H. 3, before Henry de Bathon and Alan de Wadsend, justices, and others, by which Stephen and Mabel recognize to the Abbat all their right in a carucate and 5 acres of land in Yweherste, subject to the yearly rent of $\frac{1}{2}$ a pound of cumin, and the services due to the capital lords of the fee Indorsed 'Contra Mabiliam de Welilonde. . . . de Egil[illegible]ne.'

196 William Abbat of Robertsbridge v: Stephen de Barmelinge and Mabel his wife.

2 Dec. 1248.

Final concord made in the king's court at Lewes, three weeks from St. Martin's Day, 33 H. 3, before Henry de Bathonia, Alan de Wasand, William de Wilton, Reginald de Cobeham, William le Breton, justices itinerant and others, by which Stephen and Mabel recognize to the Abbat 60 acres of land in Yueherst and all their right and claim in all other lands and tenements held of them in fee in the same vill by the Abbat. The Abbat for this concord gives them during the life of Mabel an annuity of 20*s.*, with power of distress on the chattels found in the tenements in case of failure of payment. Indorsed 'Contra Steph: de Barmelinge et Mabiliam de Walilonde uxorem ejus de terra que vocatur Badilond.'

197 Mabel de Welilonde, daughter and heir of Robert de Welilonde, to the Monks.

Confirmation, in frankalmoign (in her widowhood), of all the lands they have of the gift of the said Robert her father viz: 3 acres of meadow in Hodihamme, and all the land which lies between the great flete and le Fochre being 1 acre which they have of William de St. Martin, and all that field next Ruhele which was William the Canon's, and the land of Grave and the field called Brodeham and the field called Elfwiellond which lie next the great willow which stands on the road running in front of the house, once Roger Scot's, to the top of an ancient street which leads to the piece of water called Bodeshelle over against the land of Watlintone, and again from the said willow to the lake by the road from Stapele to Yerkneselle; and all the land of Bremlesfricht, and 2 fields next Ruele wood which her father gave in dower to their church; also the land lying between her house and the demesne of the monks and extending to the stream over against the tenement of Watlintune, to be held by the free service of 12*d.* yearly to her and her heirs, and all the lands and groves lying between the road from Stapele to Yerkneselle and their wood called Ruhele and which they have in exchange for the land called Lentuneslond held by the free service of 20*d.*—*Witnesses:* Robert de Glotingeham, Adam his son, John de Peplesham, Bartholomew, Thomas, and Osbert de Haremere, Alan of Robertsbridge, Geoffrey le Bode, Henry de Padiham,

Ralph de Ferne, Alan his brother, John de Sedlescumbe, Richard Venator.

Seal round, 1⅜ inch. A star of 8 points. Legend, 'S: Mabilie de Welilonde.'

198 Mabel de Welilonde, daughter and heir of Robert de Welilonde, to the Monks.

Grant, during widowhood, in frankalmoign, of all the land called Lentuneslond, viz: 23 acres and 13 perches lying next the road which leads from Stapele cross to Genneselle gate (bounds given) to hold of her and her heirs.—*Witnesses:* William de Sokenasse, Robert de Glotingeham, Adam his son, Robert Basoc, Michael de Beche, Osbert de Haremere, Alan of Robertsbridge, Geoffrey le Bodere, Henry de Padiham, Ralph de Ferne, Alan his brother, Richard Venator.

Seal round, 1⅜ inch. A star of 8 points. Legend, 'S: Mabilie de Welilonde.'

199 Mabel, daughter of Robert de Welilande, to Henry de Hechene.

Grant in fee, of the field called Goldinesland, and 2 acres of land formerly Reginald's, and 2½ acres of land near Burne next Wardullesland with right of road thereto; subject to the yearly rent of 3*d.* payable at her house in Welilande for all service save to the King and Earl. Consideration money 5*s.*—*Witnesses:* William de Houtune, Alexander de . . . . . Robert de Setelescumbe, Henry de Padihamme, Robert Cocus, Robert de la Hamme, John de Dusterne, William and Luke de Echene, Godfrey de Broc, Hamo and Robert his . . . .

Seal round, 1⅜ inch. A rose. Legend, 'S: Mabilie de Walilonde.'

200 William Abbat of Cumbwell, and F: Prior of Ledes.

Confirmation of an agreement arrived at between John de Aubeni and the Abbey of Robertsbridge in a cause that had been argued before them in obedience to letters from the Pope concerning a claim of tithes from Worth. The Abbey for the sake of peace and for good will to the said John give him for life a personal annuity of 12*d.* a year and the land is to be quit of all exactions either on the

part of John or of any one else ; the Abbat is absolved by authority of the pope from payments of tithes in respect of Worthe.

Two *Seals*:—

1. Oval, 1⅝ inch. A priest in his robes standing with pastoral staff in his left hand and a book (?) in his right. Legend, 'Sigillum Willelmi Abbatis de Combwella.'
2. Oval, 1⅛ inch. A female head. Legend, 'Cave Caute Age.'

201 c. 1250. William Abbat of Cumbwelle, and F: Prior of Ledes, to Master Thomas Rector of the Church of Salherst.

Precept, reciting letters from Pope Innocent dated at Rome, 13 kal: May, the 7th year of his Pontificate (19 April, 1250), Thomas's citation before them in obedience thereto under pain of ecclesiastical censure, and his contumacious failure to appear, and notifying their decree that he has no right to seize tithes on lands cultivated at the expense of the monks of Robertsbridge, and imposing on him perpetual silence in respect thereof.

Two *Seals*, both gone.

202 c. 1251. W: Abbat of Cumwell, F: Prior of Ledes, R: Prior of Faversham, to William Chaplain of Pette.

Precept, reciting letters from Pope Innocent dated at Rome, 16 kal: April, 8th year of his Pontificate (17 March, 1251), Williams's citation in obedience thereto, the charge of the Abbat of Robertsbridge that after appeal to the Pope William by force had spoiled his house, under pretence of taking tithe of corn in respect of its marsh lying between the mill of Fochie and Rameshorn and being in its own occupation, assaulted certain monks and professed persons, and interposed delays and contumaciously absented himself, and the proof of these charges, and notifying their decree that he pay 15 silver marks damages and 100*s*. costs and abstain in future from taking tithe from lands in the monks' own cultivation as contrary to the tenor of their privileges.

Three *Seals*:—

1. Oval. The same as the first seal to No. 200.
2. Oval, 1½ inch. A robed figure standing. Legend, 'Sigill: Fulconis Prioris de Led. . . .'
3. Oval, 1¼ inch. A human head. Legend, 'Sig: R: Prioris de Favs:.'

202* April, 1252. William Abbat of Tréport and William Abbat of Robertsbridge.

Convention by which the Abbat of Robertsbridge and his convent agree to pay annually to the Abbat of Treport and his convent 9 marks sterling on the feast of St: John the Baptist, one year at Treport and the other at Robertsbridge, for the lands called Bolinton, Peplesham, Pleyden and Stande held of Tréport in the Rape of Hastings; also to keep them harmless of the warranty which Lord Laurence late Abbat of Tréport made them at Westminster in the King of England's Court and of all amercements, expenses, &c. suffered in respect of these lands in the King's Court before his justices there or elsewhere. The Abbat of Tréport is to join in all legal proceedings necessary, when required, at the expense of the Abbat of Robertsbridge and at the like expense to be entertained whenever he comes to England on this business; and for the above service he confirms to them all right and claim they have acquired and whatever they shall be able justly to acquire in demesne, whether in lands rents or services, of his fee in the rape of Hastings. Done in the year of grace 1252 in the month of April.

Two *Seals*:—

1. Oval, 2 inches. An upright robed figure holding in his left hand a pastoral staff. Legend, 'S: Willi Abbatis de Ultriportu.'
2. Imperfect. St: Michael slaying a dragon.

203 May, 1252. William Abbat of Tréport and the Convent, to the Abbat of Robertsbridge.

Power of attorney authorising the Abbat of Robertsbridge and his convent to receive their rents and services in Bolinton, Peplesham, Playdene and Stande and to represent them in all pleas relating thereto. Dated May 1252.

Two *Seals*:—

1. Only a small fragment remaining.
2. The seal of the Abbey of Tréport, representing St: Michael slaying a Dragon. But only a fragment.

204 May, 1252. W: Abbat of Robertsbridge.

Notice that the Abbey of Tréport has made the Abbey of Robertsbridge its attorney for receiving its rents and services in the

rape of Hastings, viz: in the places called Bolsitonne, Peplesham, Plaiden and Stand, and also in pleas &c. relating to the said lands, with power to make composition as it shall think proper, but at its own charges in all things. Nine marks to be paid yearly to Tréport under all circumstances.

Seal oval, 1¼ inch. A priest standing with pastoral staff in his left hand and his right in the posture of benediction. Legend, 'Signum Abba. . . . .nte Roberti.'

205 The Abbey of Tréport and the Abbey of Robertsbridge.

Agreement as to 9 marks yearly rent due from the latter in respect of lands held of Tréport in the rape of Hastings, viz: Bolinthon, Paplesham, Plaidanne, and Stand, the same to be paid one year at Tréport and the other at Robertsbridge, on the feast of St: John the Baptist, except when the wind shall be contrary. Seal of the Abbat of Boxley affixed.

Three *Seals*:—

1. Oval, 1¼ inch. An upright figure with legend, 'Signu. . . . . .'
2. Oval, about 2½ inches. St: Michael slaying a Dragon. Legend, only 2 or 3 letters legible.
3. Lost.

206 The Abbey of Tréport to the Abbey of Robertsbridge.

This deed is a duplicate of No. 205.

Seals. Only the second seal remaining, the device being St: Michael and the Dragon but it is less perfect than that attached to No. 205.

207 Herbert de Burgersse to Gervase son of Andrew.

Grant in fee of all the land he held of Lady Clarice late the wife of Robert de Auberville in Egelinton; subject to the yearly payment of 2*s.* for all service. Consideration money 22 silver marks.—*Witnesses:* Robert de Glotingeham, Alan of Robertsbridge, Walter de Burgersse, William his brother, William de Sokenersse, Stephen Andrew, William Alard, Mathew son of Stephen, Godfrey Poinz, Henry Alard, Henry de Bredhurst, William le Franceis.

Seal round, 1 inch. A gem. Legend, 'Sigill: Herberti Clici.'

208 King Henry III. to the Abbey.

8 June, 1253. Confirmation, in frankalmoign, of all the lands and tenements given them by Cecily de Averenches in the manor of Sutton, and all those which they held of the Abbey of Tréport, viz: Bolinton, Peplesham, Playdenne and Stande; and the annual rent of 28 sterlings given by Hugh Abbat of Ow and the convent of Ow to be received of Ralph de Peplesham, the porter, as the said Ralph was wont to pay them out of the alms of Peter le Vislet; and all the lands and tenements given by Adam de Cobeford, viz: Slohtre and Edbrichtesham, with the homages, rents, services, &c.; and those given by Mabel de Icclesham in the parish of Bridge, Edelmy and Cudenn, and those which Robert de Canvill, Lord of Westerham, confirmed to them by charter, and those given them by William de la Warre, clerk, and Robert son of Helewise, in Lamberherst as well in Kent as in Sussex, of the fee of Nicholas de Lenham and confirmed by him, and those given them by Mabel de Welilond in the vill of Iweherst. Together with their liberties and free customs to them by the king granted, as testified by their charters.—*Witnesses:* P: Hereford, H: Ely, Guido de Lezignan our brother, Peter of Savoy, John Mansell constable of Beuerk, Master William de Kilkenny archdeacon of Coventry, Bertram de Crioill, John de Lessinton, John de Croy, Robert Walerand, Henry de Wengham, William de Grey, Nicholas de St: Maur. Dated at Westminster, 8 June, 37 H. 3.

Seal gone.

209 Memoranda of Law proceedings.

Letter from King Henry to the Sheriff of Sussex directing him to order Herbert de Burgherse to give up to the Abbey 100 acres of land in Burherse to which the monks have no ingress except by suffrance of William de Dudewell to whom William late Abbat of Robertsbridge demised them for a term which has expired. If he fail and the Abbey gives security to prosecute its claim, then the said Herbert to be summoned before the justices *ad Banchum* at Westminster in the quinzaine of St: Michael. Tested by the King himself at Mertune.

39 H. 3. On this writ being impleaded before Master Symon de Wauton and Lord Robert de Sotynd: the king's justices in the 39th year of King Henry, the peace was proclaimed as follows, viz: that said

land should remain to the said Herbert subject to 25*s.* yearly rent to the Abbey, without warranty ; that he should do suit of court to the Abbey every 3 weeks and render relief from heir to heir : but before the peace was fully concluded Herbert was dead and after him John his son and heir.

On the petition of the illustrious Queen of England, the parties met at Westminster in her presence, viz: the attornies of the said Abbey and Reginald son and heir of the said Herbert and the same peace was conceded as had been proclaimed between the Abbey and Herbert, and the peace was concluded between the parties before the Queen on the morrow of Advent Sunday, 42 H. 3, and for confirmation a fine shall be levied.

Dec. 2, 1257.

210 William Abbat of Tréport and John de Peplesham.

Easter, 1258.

Final concord made in the king's court at Westminster 15 days from Easter, 42 H. 3, before Henry de Bath:, Robert de Brywes and Nicholas de Handlo, justices, and others ; by which the abbat recognises John's right to a carucate of land in Bewes and Burherse ; the same to be held of Roger Abbat of Robertsbridge and his successors, subject to the yearly payment of £4 sterling for all services : warranty by the Abbat of Robertsbridge.

211 Richard Prior of Ledes and Roger Abbat of Robertsbridge.

April, 1258.

Ratification of an agreement entered into by them in pursuance of an award made by Master Robert de Hastings official of the Bishop of Chichester, Master Geoffrey de Gates canon of Chichester, and Masters Stephen de Robeland and Roger of Canterbury, concerning the tithes of the parish church of Lamberhurst.

Two *Seals*.

1. gone.
2. Round, 2 inches. The front of church with legend. Reverse imperfect, a robed figure standing. Legend '. . . . ll Scrti: Ledensis eccli . . .'.

212 William Maufe, knight, to the Abbey.

Grant in fee of all the land called Elrethfeld in the parish of Walderne, with the wood growing thereon, and all other lands they have of his fee in the parishes of Walderne and Chitingeleghe. — *Witnesses:* Henry de Byreth:, William Davi, William Herth:,

Robert de Berthe, Richard de Tunebruge, Henry de Bodyham, William de Ferruge, Thomas Alayn, Stephen de Otham, Symon de Ferne, Robert ly Colier, William le Venur.

Seal triangular, 1 inch. A lion rampant. Legend, 'Sig . . . . . Maufe.'

213 Reginald de Burhasse.

29 Dec. 1261. Notice that he has attorned John son of Gervase of Wynchelse for payment of the rent and services which he was wont to pay in respect of a certain land in Egelington in Yweherste parish which Herbert his father gave to Gervase father of the said John, saving to John and his heirs the warranty of himself and heirs as contained in Herbert's charter. Dated the day of St: Thomas the Martyr, 46 H. 3.

Seal torn off.

214 Margaret relict of Robert son of Thomas Niger to the Abbey.

25 Jan. 1262. Quitclaim of her dower out of lands given by her late husband. Dated the day of Conversion of St: Paul, 46 H. 3.—*Witnesses:* Walter Clerk bailiff of Wynchelese, John Andrews, Alan Godfrey, John son of Hugh of Niweham, William Rogers of Promhelle, John his brother, John son of Hugh Pikenoth.

Seal gone.

215 William Erkebaud and the Monks.

13 Dec. 1259. Convention dated St: Lucy's day virgin and martyr, 44 H. 3, 1259; whereby the said William leases to them for 10 years all the land he bought of Richard son of William de Cobeford in the parish of Welderne and of Chidigeleh:, reserving to himself the wood standing thereon, except what the monks may require for their fences and enclosures. Consideration, 10 marks sterling and a yearly payment of $7\frac{1}{2}d.$ for all service.—*Witnesses:* Henry de Bireche, Peter de Werthe, Robert Cobeford, Alan of Robertsbridge, Ralph de Middelton, William de Ferrugge, William Lambin, Alan his son, William le Coliere, William Venator, Henry Luggere.

Seal oval, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch. A priest standing with a pastoral staff in his right hand and a book in his left. Legend, 'Sigillum Abbatis . . Ponte Rober . .'.

On this deed is endorsed an account of the services due to the capital lords, viz: suit of court to the heirs of John de Gatesdene at Walderne, 7½*d.* a year castleguard, 20*d.* scutage and 20*d.* to making the king's eldest son a knight.

216 William Erkebaut and the Monks.

13 Dec. 1259.

Counterpart of convention No. 215, and having the same witnesses.

Seal round, 1¼ inch. Eight leaves in form of a star. Legend, 'S: Wilelmi de Aula.'

217 William de Aula son of Robert Erkebaud to the Monks.

5 Jan. 1263.

Conveyance of all the land he had of Richard son and heir of the late William de Cobbeford in Walderne and Chitingeleghe with the profits thereof to secure repayment of a loan of 32½ silver marks. Dated at Robertsbridge on St: Edward's day king and confessor, 47 H. 3.—*Witnesses:* Ralph de Grestune, Hugh de Codynge, Roger de Sokenesse, William de Ferrugge, Symon de Feerne, Alan Lambyn of Robertsbridge, William Venator, Geoffrey le Venur, John de Lamberherste, Henry Luggere.

Seal the same as to No. 216.

218 William son of Robert Erkebaud to the Monks.

2 Oct. 1263.

Receipt for 32½ silver marks and conveyance of all the land he had of Richard son and heir of the late William de Cobbeford in Walderne and Chitingeleghe with the profits thereof to secure repayment. Dated at Deerne, St: Leger's day, 47 H. 3.

Seal the same as to No. 216.

219 William de Aula son of the late Robert de Erkebaud to the Abbey.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of all the land which was once William de Cobbeford's in the parishes of Walderne and Chitingeleghe and

which the grantor formerly had of the gift of Richard son of William de Cobbeford, quit of all service to himself.—*Witnesses:* William Erche, William de Byestenouere, Gervase his brother, William de Sywelle, Henry his brother, Nicholas Lurdun, Robert de Cobbeford, Symon de Lundreford, William de Ferrugge, Thomas Alan, William Levenur, Geoffrey le Venur, Henry Luggere.

Seal round, 1¼ inch. A star. Legend, 'S: Willmi de Aula.'

220 John son of the late Gervase Andrews of Wyncheles to the Monks.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of the homage and service of Robert Bryd of Yweherste, together with his own body after death to be buried in their abbey; also of 13*d.* yearly rent paid by the said Robert in respect of 9 acres of land held of the grantor in the parish of Yweherste (bounds given).—*Witnesses:* Robert Basoc, Roger de Sokenerse, Hugh de Codinge, Michael de Beche, Ralph de Grestune, Robert Marscot, Ralph de Mideltune, Daniel Kichenham, Luke Swinham, Renger de Watlingetune, Alan of Robertsbridge, Walter le Bodere, Richard de Gocele.

Seal gone.

221 Henry de Echene to the Abbey.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of all his land and rights in the parish of Iwherste.—*Witnesses:* Nicholas Lurdun, William de Suwelle, Henry his brother, John de Sedelescumbe, Alan Lambin, William Venator, Symon de Ferne.

Seal round, 1 inch. A quatrefoil. Legend, 'S: Henrici de Echene.'

222 Walter de Ferne to God and St: Mary and the Gate and Gatekeeper of the Abbey.

Grant, in frankalmoign, with the assent of his wife Alice, of 12*d.* yearly rent out of the tenement he held of Simon de Ferne to find a lamp to burn in the gate, viz: in the chapel, the same to be paid quarterly in the chapel next the gate: Power of distress.—*Witnesses:* Alan Lambin, Thomas Aleyn, Simon de Ferne, John Skinner, Henry le Luggere, William de Ferrugge, Geoffrey Venator, Adam de Otham.

Seal gone.

223 William de Northye to the Abbey.

Grant, in frankalmoign, for the soul of his deceased son John, of all the land called Maderesham in the parish or vill of Beckeleshe and all other lands and tenements to which he was entitled by descent or escheat in the said parish or vill; quit of all service save to the capital lords of the fee.—*Witnesses:* Lord Mathew de Hasting, Lord John Moyn, Geoffrey de St: Leger, Symon his brother, Walter Clerk of Wyncheles, Nichol: Lurdun, William de Bodyham, Henry his brother, Reginald de Tyresesse, Roger de Sokenesse, William de Ferrugge, Thomas Alani, Alan Lambin.

Seal gone.

224 John son and heir of Walter and Burgonia de Walilonde to Mathew de Knelle.

Quitclaim, in fee, of all his right in the half fee of Walilonde formerly held by his father and mother; to hold of him and his heirs subject to the yearly payment of 1 pound of pepper at the house of Knellee. Consideration money, £60.—*Witnesses:* John de Kechenore, John de Feldemere, Walter de Hamme, William de Kechenhamme, Stephen and Ralph de Gotele, Robert le Hore, Thomas de Palst:, Richard de la Leghe, Edme de Knelle, John the priest's son, John de Sedlescumbe, Robert Giffore.

Seal gone.

This document has been cut through with a knife in 4 places.

225 Roger Abbat of Robertsbridge and the Convent to Thomas son of Thomas de Haremere.

Grant, in fee, of the tenement called Levingeslond in the parishes of Watlingtone and Mundefeld subject to the yearly rent of half a silver mark, scutage of 11*d.* in the mark when it happens, and 2 suits of court a year. Consideration money, £10 sterling.—*Witnesses*: Lord Mathew de Hastings, Lord John Moyn, knights, Symon de Someri, Henry de Peneherst, John de Pising:, Walter de Beche, Alan Lambin, Symon and William de Haremere, Thomas de Watlington, James le Hore goldsmith, Adam Clerk.

Seal broken, round, $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. A shield charged with 3 fleur-de-lys. Legend, '. . . . . Hareme . . . .'.

226 William de Northye, knight, to the Abbey.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of 2 acres of land in the parish of Beckele, lying next the bridge of Meytham, east of the road running from that bridge to Rye and extending to Lymen on the North.— *Witnesses:* Lord Robert de Crevequer, Lord Ralph de Oteringdenne, Lord Mathew de Hastings, Mathew de Knelle, Henry de Losseham, Ralph de Eslinge, Hamo Curthosse, Richard his son.

Seal round, $\frac{5}{8}$ inch. A shield charged with a canton in sinister chief and another in dexter base. Legend obliterated.

227 Robert de Crevequer to the Monks.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of all his interest in the services due in respect of the manor of Maderhesham, which manor the monks possessed by grant of William de Northye, and which grant is now confirmed.—*Witnesses:* Lord John Tregoz, Ralph de Boteringerden, John Tregoz junior, knights, Walter de Wincheles called Clerk, Henry de Chivene, William de Suwell, Henry his brother, Mathew de Cnelle, Pharaon de Porta, Alan Lambyn, Thomas Alan, John de Godecombe.

Seal round, $1\frac{3}{8}$ inch. A shield, thereon a cross urdee voided. Legend, 'S: Roberti de Crevequer.'

228 Roger Abbat of Robertsbridge to Alan Lambin of Robertsbridge.

Grant, in fee, of all the field called la Binne once held of the Abbey by John de Lambherste, together with a small portion of the same field once held by John son of Robert le Marchaund; which field lies between the Abbey's grove and the king's highway leading from Robertsbridge to Battle, and is bounded by Henry le Lugger's land on the south and that which was Ralph de Bradstede's on the north: subject to the yearly rent of 12*d.* for all service.— *Witnesses:* Lord William de Northye, Lord Mathew de Hastings, William de Echingham, Reg: de Burgherse, William de Suwelle, Henry his brother, Hugh de Coding:, Stephen de Hokham, Simon de Luneford, William de Ferreges, William de Haremere, John de Heleherste.

Seal oval, $1\frac{5}{8}$ inch. The impression is obliterated.

229 Mathew de Hastings, son and heir of Robert de Hastings, to the Abbey.

20 April, 1261.

Grant of a virgate of land with appurtenances in Sandregg:, being of the fee of Ytintun, and which the monks once held of Richard de Ytintun; subject to a yearly rent for all service: and they are to be quit of all aids for the marriages of his sons and daughters and of all other services save those due to the king and earl, viz: 11*d.* in the mark scutage. — *Witnesses:* Lord Henry de Burne, Lord William de St: Leger, Walter clerk of Winch:, Michel de . . . , . . . de Grestun, Hugh of Battle, William de Bodiham, Henry de Bodiham, Roger de Sokenesse, Henry de Peneherst, Henry de Tyresesse, Joceus de Wattlingetun.

[A portion of this deed is destroyed.]

Seal oval, 1½ inch. An ornamental cross. Legend, 'S: Mathie de . . . inge.'

Indorsed is the date, 12 kal: May, 45 H. 3, 1261.

230 Robert Poinant to John de Bokeselle.

Grant, in fee, of a yearly rent of 2*s.* which Thomas Sutor was wont to pay him in respect of a tenement in Saleherst, with the services, customs, and escheats due thereon to the grantor, and of another tenement in the same parish called Garit, which extends to the king's highway leading from Henherst to Winchelse: the said rent and tenement to be held subject to the yearly render of a rose in the octaves of St: John the Baptist in the cemetery of Salherst, for all service. Consideration money, 2 marks. — *Witnesses:* John de Belherst, William de Haremere, Robert de Bernherst, Robert Firman, William le Hunte, Henry le Luggere, John le Luggere, Thomas le Luggere, William de Ferregges, Alexander de Ferreges, Adam of Battle, Adam de Otham.

Seal gone.

231 Roger Abbat of Robertsbridge, with the assent of Lord Robert Abbat of Boxley, to Eustace Tanner and Matilda his wife, and the heirs of Matilda.

Grant of a messuage with buildings and curtilages in the vill of Robertsbridge, and lying towards the house of Ralph de Bradstede on the south and towards le Orspend on the north, extending

lengthways from the great flete of the vill on the east to the meadow of Peter son of John Smith on the west; and 7½ acres of land in a place called Borneland adjoining the Abbey's wood on the south, Robert Chapman's land on the north, Adam Lambin's on the east, and Geoffrey Venator's on the west, with right of ingress and egress by a way leading from the high road between the house of Alan son of Robert and that of Robert Chapman; also a certain field called Stonnepettefeld adjacent to the way leading from Robertsbridge to the Abbey on the north, as shown by hedges and ditches metes and bounds: subject to the yearly rent of 6*s.* for all services — *Witnesses:* Hugh of Battle, Ralph de Greston, Roger de Swokynerse, Henry de Bodiham, Simon de Ferne, Simon de Haremere, Henry le Lugger, Geoffrey Venator, William Venator, Alan Lambyn, Alan of Robertsbridge, Michel de Beche.

Seal gone.

232 Roger Abbat of Robertsbridge to Walter de Bocstede.

Lease of a field once held by William Lambyn called Berereste, lying to the south, next the way leading from Robertsbridge to the abbey, and abutting on the land of Alan Lambyn on one side and that of Alan le Blake on the other; to hold so long as he and his heirs shall wish to abide there, subject to a reserved rent of 3*s.* a year, 2 suits of court, and the condition that the field shall be thrown open at fair time for 3 days before and after the feast of the exaltation of the Holy Cross. — *Witnesses:* Henry de Bodiham, Geoffrey his brother, Alan Lambyn, Thomas Alan, Simon de Ferne, William le Hunte, Henry Luggere, Adam de Othamme, William de Ferregg:.

Seal ⅞ inch. An eagle displayed. Legend, 'S: . . . geri de Asingg.'

Indorsed is the inscription 'Walterus de Bocstede vel de Bodyham.'

233 Henry de Bodiham to the Monks.

Grant, for the soul of his brother William deceased, in frankalmoign, of the yearly sum of 6*s.* to be rendered by John de la Crane out of a meadow called Bardewyse which he holds of the grantor, of which the south end abuts on the monks' brook called Huddeshammesbroke, the north end Othammeswode street, the

west side adjoins an acre of meadow held by Robert Chicheli, and the west (*sic*) side a meadow of the Abbat of Battle called Batayleswyse.—*Witnesses:* Nicholas Wacelin, Simon de St: Leger, Reginald de Betrindene, Reginald Tyrsesse, Simon de Bodiham, Geoffrey my brother, Alan Lambin.

Seal. A fragment only remaining.

234 Roger de Cobbeford son and heir of Geoffrey de Cobbeford to the Abbey.

Confirmation, in frankalmoign, of all the lands and tenements they have of the gift of any of his ancestors in Chidiggel: and Wanderne.—*Witnesses:* Henry de Bodiam, Geoffrey his brother, Alan Lambin, Thomas son of Alan, William Venator, Henry Luggere, Roger de Saleherste called priest.

Seal round, $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. A bird reguard: pruning its wing, with legend.

235 Alan Nitherin to Alan Lambyn of Robertsbridge his cousin, and Matilda his wife.

Grant to Alan and Matilda and heirs of Alan of all the land he once held of William de Ferrugge in the vill of Saleherste, lying between the land of Thomas Alan and that of William de Ferrugge, and extending from east to west lengthways from the land of Thomas Alan to that of William de Ferrugge and from north to south breadthways from the land which was once Ralph de Bradstede's to that which was once Robert Nitherin's; subject to the yearly rent of 15*d.* to William de Ferrugge and his heirs, the capital lords, for all service: also of all the land once Henry Goding's, with one tenant there residing, which land extends lengthways from east to west to the land which was once Robert Nitherin's and from north to south breadthways to that which was once Robert le Deth's; and all his interest in the land which was given in frankmarriage with his mother.—*Witnesses:* William de Suwell, Henry his brother, Symon de Lunesford, John de Porta, John de Beleherste, William de Haremere, Symon de Haremere, Thomas Alan, William le Venur, Henry Luggerre, Geoffrey le Hunte, Stacius Tanner.

Seal round, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch. A kind of star. Legend, 'S: Alani Niterini.'

236 c. 1263. The Abbey and Robert son of the late Adam de Cobeford.

Lease granted by Robert for 11 years, from the feast of St: Andrew, 1263, of a piece of land called Elretesfeld with right to wood, other than oak and beech, for enclosure and the abbey's own use. Consideration money 10*s.*, of which the receipt is acknowledged, and the lease is to hold good as against his heirs.—*Witnesses:* William de la Sale, John de Pesigewerthe, Andrew de Eylsbricteham, Robert de Wanderne clerk, John Frilende, Geoffrey de Cobeford, Symond de Hillingele.

Seal round, 1¼ inch. A fleur-de-lys seeded in form of trefoils. Legend, 'S: Roberti de Cobford.'

237 Roger de Cobbeford son and heir of Geoffrey de Cobbeford to the Abbey.

Confirmation, in frankalmoign, of all the lands and tenements they have of the gift of his ancestors in Chytingeleye and Walderne.—*Witnesses*: William Maufey knight, Thomas and Walerand his brothers, William Erch, William Erkembaud, Richard de Runtynton, William de la Forde.

Seal round, 1¼ inch. Eight leaves in form of a star. Legend, '. . . . de Cobeford.'

238 Roger son of Robert de Cobbeford to the Monks.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of all the land called Ebretsfeld in the parish of Walderne, with the growing wood and appurtenances; quit of all service.—*Witnesses:* Lord Walram de Munsceauz, Lord William Maufe, Lord William de Northye, William Herche, William Herkebaud, Richard de Tonebregg:, Alan Lambin, Henry de Bireche, Robert his brother, Robert de Estime, Ralph de Middelton, Laurence de Pasingewerthe, Nicholas Giffard.

Seal round, 1 inch. A bird reguardant at a star. Legend, 'S: Rogeri de Cobbeford.'

239 Roger de Cobeford to the Abbey.

Quitclaim, for the soul of his father Robert, of an annual rent of 13*d.* they used to pay the said Robert in respect of lands of the

fee of Cobeford given them by Adam his grandfather and Robert his father, and confirmation of the said grants.—*Witnesses:* William Erche, William Erkebaud, Henry de Birche, Robert his brother, Laurence de Posingewerthe, Thomas son of Alan of Robertsbridge, Alan Lambin, Simon de Ferne, William Venator, Geoffrey Forestar, Henry Luggere, Gilbert le Turnur of Robertsbridge.

Seal the same as to No. 238.

240 . . . . . to the Abbey.

8 July, 1337. Quitclaim of all his right in the lands and tenements called Denulee in Walderne given them by Thomas his father. Dated at Robertsbridge Tuesday after the translation of St: Thomas the Martyr, 11 E. 3.—*Witnesses:* Lord Andrew P . . . . knight, Thomas Heryngaud, William de Cassyngehame, Robert de Clavregga, Phillip de Eudlenewyke, William de Garland, William de Erch, Geoffrey Coker, John atte Gonne, James Erch, Thomas de Prestone clerk.

Seal round, $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. Two birds fighting, with legend.

241 Edward firstborn son of the King of England to the Abbey.

15 April, 1269. Inspeximus of Charter No. 223 granted by William de Northie, and of another by Robert de Crevequer granting to the monks all the services owing to him out of the manor of Maderesham, which manor had been given them by William de Northie, and which gift he confirms: this latter charter had been witnessed by John Tregoz, Ralph de Oteringdenn, Matthias de Hastings, John Tregoz junior, John Mowin knights, Geoffrey de St: Leger, William . . . . Henry his brother, Henry de Chiven, Walter de Winch: called clerk, Pharaon de Porta, John de Godecumbe. The Inspeximus states that the rape and honor of Hastings were then in the Prince's hands; it is witnessed by Thomas de Clar:, John de Mucegros, Otto de Grawntsun, Hugh son of Otto, Stephen de Penecestre, Roger de Rennes, Robert Burnel archdeacon of York, Ralph de Freningham, and is dated at the Tower of London, 15 April, 53 H. 3.

Seal one half gone; what remains appears to be similar to the first of his seals as given in Sandford's History, p. 120.

242 Gilbert de Wodestronde and Beatrix daughter of Martin to the Abbey.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of a yearly rent issuing out a tenement held by Norman and his brother in the marsh of . . . . — *Witnesses:* Andrew de Oxerode, William la We . . . and others.

Seals, 1. Oval 1⅜ inch. A crescent and star. Legend, 'S: Gileberti fil: Alani.'
2. Gone.

This document is much injured by damp.

243 The Monks of Robertsbridge and Richard perpetual vicar of the parish church of the Prebend of Salherst.

Rough draft of agreement, reciting that differences had arisen with regard to certain tithes, which the vicar asserted had always been received by himself and his predecessors from time immemorial and the monks pretended ought to belong to them as rectors or prebendaries of the prebend of Salherst, and settling that in future the monks shall receive the tithes of corn, and the vicar, all oblations, small tithes, and tithes of hay.

244 John de Gesteling to Robert Fot of Winchel:, Luke son of Reinger, Walter and Hugh nephews of Lambsin Batan, Hugh nephew of Lambraht Benstele and Walter his brother, Ralph nephew of Luke, Boidin Fos, and Lambsin Bret.

Grant of a moiety of all his land which they have reclaimed with the help of the Abbat of Robertsbridge and the men of Promhell, and also ½ an acre out of the other moiety, to hold to them and their heirs subject to the yearly rent of 3*d.* an acre for all service. For this grant they have reclaimed the other moiety and to the best of their power will defend it with banks and waterways and will with their comrades reclaim it if lost at their own expense. Grant that under no circumstances shall they be required to follow his court out of the above lands and if any one of them shall be in his mercy the fine shall not exceed 2*s.* Power to sell or pledge sub-

ject to the service due to him and his heirs, the fine of a penny on alienation from vendor and purchaser, and relief. Of the above land Robert Fot receives a third part, Luke son of Reinger a sixth part, Walter and Hugh nephews of Lambsin Batan a sixth part, Hugh and Walter nephews of Lambraht a sixth part, Ralph nephew of Luke, Boidin Fos, and Lambsin Bret a sixth part.—*Witnesses:* Gerard de le Flesham, Lambsin Batan, Simon son of Reinger, Lambrath Benstele, Hugh son of Lambsin, Alard son of Swottive, John son of Geoffrey.

Seal, obverse, the letters 'IOHS':—reverse, round, $1\frac{5}{8}$ inch. A griffin passant, wings elevated. Legend, 'Sigill: Johannis de Ges . . . ges.'

245 Adam de Winchelese son of William Busard to the Monks.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of a parcel of land in the vill of Winchelese, 28 feet in breadth, between the house of Roger White of Colchester on the west and the land of Petronill sister of the late Robert Fooster on the east, and 50 feet in length, between the public highway on the north and the sea on the south.—*Witnesses:* Henry Alard, Godfrey Alan, Stephen Andrew, Roger de Granges, Walter Clerk, Laurence de Katefeud:, Henry Bercelin, John son of Stephen Andrew, John Gervase, Robert Coleman, Willes le Passur, Roger White of Colchester.

Seal oval, $1\frac{3}{8}$ inch. A ship on the sea. Legend, 'S: Adan Busart.'

246 Walter Kovent to Alice daughter of William Palmer of Hastings.

Confirmation of all his land in Reinger's marsh, being 3 Flemish acres with the water and flete appurtenant, lying between the land which belonged to Symon son of Reinger and that which belonged to Ralph parson of Ikelesham, and which he had given to the said William Palmer for 8 silver marks and 16*d.*, and of which William had given seizin to the said Alice; subject to the yearly payment of 3*d.* for all service, save the care of the banks and waterways. Consideration money, 4*s.*—*Witnesses:* William de Farlee, Alan de London:, Stephen son of Andrew, Godfrey son of Alan, Geoffrey de Fremingham, Ralph son of Elias, William son of Alard, Roger

Scampp, Alexander his son, Adrian Cordel, Reinger Paris, Henry Batan, Hugh son of Elyas.

Seal round, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch. An eagle reguardant, wings elevated. Legend, 'Sigill: Walteri Cuvent.'

247 Henry de Winchelesse son of Mainard to the Abbey.

Quitclaim of all the right he had '*in galeio*' of Promhille, lying on the south side of the road leading from Winchelesse to Rumenel, between the land of Roger de Promhill and that which was William Halfiet's, concerning which there was dispute between them: Quit of all service, but subject to a yearly rent of 3*d.*— *Witnesses:* Richard Abbat of Battle, John de Wadetun then sheriff of Kent, Laurence de Mundefeld, Nicholas de Hore, Geoffrey de Wichtriechessa, Thomas son of Godfrey, Henry son of Reginald, Robert Foster, Palinus of Winchelesse, William son of Alard, Henry Boidun, Philip de Hesseteford.

Seal oval, $\frac{7}{8}$ inch. A lobster. Legend, 'S: Henrici de Winart.'

248 Ralph son of Philip to William de Farlegh late constable of Winchelese.

Grant of a yearly rent of 12*d.* in satisfaction of all claim which the said William had in a sixth part of the land called Festendenn, with power of distress on the tenement of Festendenn.—*Witnesses:* Walter Clerk, Symon de Mora, William de Sponlegh, John and Henry his sons, Walter of the Monastery, Robert de Elmundenn, Alan de Lond:, Godfrey son of Alan.

Seal round, $1\frac{3}{8}$ inch. A geometrical figure. Legend, 'Sigill: Radulfi de Festinden.'

249 Osbert de Stonlhinka to William de Farlegh.

Grant, in fee, of all his land lying between Redwisse and Alseham next that which John Long held, besides 14 acres he gave his brother Gilbert, and with the above land, Isabella widow of Richard Lefrid and all her land she held of him, and $\frac{1}{4}$ acre of meadow lying next that of Martin Clivesend, and the meadow of William son of Alard; with all the land John Long held lying

next the fee of the Abbat of Fescamp which Martin de Clivesend held, and a certain house, with all the rents and services which the said John yearly paid him ; also 6 acres of land lying below Tungrave next the land of the Abbat of Fescamp, which Martin de Clivesend held, and all his meadow lying below John Long's house to the north, from the meadow which Martin de Clivesend held of him to the west, as far as the meadow which the same Martin held of the Abbey of Fescamp to the east, and $2\frac{3}{4}$ acres of his land called Fethex lying between the land of the said Martin on one side and that of Winemer on the other, with all the small meadow which is below that land and reaches to his own land: together with 12*d.* yearly rent out of the land called le Helde and 1 pound of cumin which the said Martin was wont to pay him and his ancestors in respect of $\frac{1}{2}$ an acre of meadow he held of him ; also 2 acres of land called Survedeteghe and $\frac{1}{2}$ an acre of land lying next the bridge called Glinde, extending from east to west above the stream as far as the new ditch. To hold to him and his heirs subject to the yearly rent of 3*s.* for all service save to the king and earl, viz: scutage, $15\frac{1}{2}d.$ in 20*s.*, castleguard, 3*d.*, justice money, 1*d.* The consideration is 7 marks, 3*s.* $2\frac{1}{2}d.$, half a seam of corn, and to the grantor's wife 1 pair of shoes of the value of 12*d.* —*Witnesses:* Henry Pohun, Thomas son of Godfrey, John son of Roger, Stephen son of Andrew, Alan of London, Reginald Pohun, Godfrey son of Alan, Godfrey de Pette, Stephen Prat, John de Stonhlink, Wizo his son, Stephen de Clivesend.

Seal round, $1\frac{5}{8}$ inch. A bird. Legend, 'S: Hosberti de S . . . . .'

250 Mabel widow of Hosbert de Stanlinkes to William de Farlee and his heirs.

Release of all claim she had against him in respect of the dower which accrued to her on the death of her husband Hosbert. Consideration money, 1 silver mark.—*Witnesses:* Thomas son of Godfrey, Ralph son of Elyas, Alan of London, Godfrey Poun, Godfrey son of Alan, Stephen son of Andrew, Gervase his brother, Wydo de Stanlinkes, Reginald his brother, Adam the writer of these presents.

Seal oval, $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch. A fleur-de-lys, seeded in form of lilies. Legend, 'S: Mabilie Rele: Osberti de Stanlink.'

251 William de Farlegh to Peregrine de Hastings.

Permission to Peregrine to build his house on the same wall as that on which his own is built, but subject to the condition of his making and keeping in repair a gutter between the two houses.—*Witnesses:* Henry Pohun, Thomas son of Godfrey, Henry son of Reginald, Paulinus de Mora, William Bordwhate, Stephen son of Andrew, Godfrey son of Alan, Henry Alard, Reginald Pohun, Godfrey Pohun, Thomas Clerk.

Seal round, $\frac{7}{8}$ inch.

252 James (Alard ?) son and heir of . . . . . to . . . .

The writing of this document is so faded as to be illegible.

Seal round, 1 inch. A star and legend.

253 William Godfrey to the Abbey.

31 Dec. 1273.

Acknowledgment that he has unjustly entered into litigation with the Abbey concerning the exit of a certain marsh in the parish of Stane ; regretting the offence, he has withdrawn his suit, and has sworn on the relics neither directly nor indirectly to offend again. Dated at Robertsbridge on the eve of the Circumcision, 1273.

Seal, a gem with legend.

254 John de Cameys to the Abbey.

29 Mar. 1275.

Grant of free ingress to a certain tenement of his fee, which the monks assert that they have of the gift of William Erchenbaud in the parish of Walderne, and which the said William held of him in capite ; reserving the services due to himself and his heirs. Consideration money 8 silver marks. Dated at West Cote Friday next after the feast of the Annunciation, 3 E. 1, 1275.

Seal gone.

255 Peter de Ros to the Abbey.

29 Sep. 1275.

Grant in fee of the advowsons of the churches or prebend of Salherst, Odymere and Mundefeld with all his rights therein. Dated at Salherst on the feast of St. Michael the Archangel,

3 E. 1.—*Witnesses:* Lord Robert de Passelegh, Henry Wardedeu, Baldwin de Stowe, knights, Henry de Scharndenne, Richard de Codingge, Olyver de Cressy, Robert de Langherst, Joceus de Ferne, Roger de Sokenersse, Robert Braban, William de Ferregg.

Seal round, $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch. An eagle tearing a rabbit. Legend, 'S: Petri de Ros.'

256 Roger Abbat of Robertsbridge to Richard Curthose and Joan his wife.

24 July, 1276.

Grant in fee of 2 fields in the parish of Northiham which Rosa de Seyeveton had held of the monastery in villenage, of which one lies alongside of the land of Stephen de Dixterne to the west, and a certain way belonging to Hamo Curthose to the east, and the other which is called Hothfeld and Cortone lies at the top of Godfrey de Todilonde's land to the west, and Richard de Berhamme's to the east; also of a certain parcel of land called Breggeland, which Benedict Holestot once held of the monastery, abutting on Hamo Curthose's land to the north and south, and another parcel of land called Symonesland and Longereche lying along Thomas de Padiham's land to the west and the said Hamo's to the east; subject to the yearly rent of 5*s.*, 2 suits at the Abbey's court of Robertsbridge, wherever held, reliefs and heriots; and the grantees are to put up an edifice on the premises. Done on the eve of St: James the Apostle, 1276.—*Witnesses:* Nicholas Wacelyn, Henry de Bodiham, Stephen de Gotele, John de Porta, Thomas de Padiham, Robert Gisor.

Seals, 1. Round, 1 inch. A man with shield and sword attacking a lion rampant reguardant. Legend, 'S: Ricardi.'
2. Gone.

257 Henry Lord of Bodyham to the Monks.

3 Nov. 1276.

Grant, in frankalmoign, to the monks of the homage and service of John de Wybbel with his tenement in Yweherste, viz: the land which was once Hugh de Pralle's, together with the wards, marriages, rents, reliefs, heriots, and escheats; with reservation to the grantor of 8*d.* in the mark scutage when imposed, 2*d.* castleguard, and $2\frac{1}{2}$*d.* Justicesyeld; the said John to pay the monks 10*s.* a year, but to be quit of suit of court to the grantor.—*Witnesses:*

Nicholas Wacelin. Stephen de Goteley, Thomas de Padyham, Thomas de Watlingetun, Richard Curthose, Reginald le Hore, Symon de Feerne, Alan Lambyn, William le Hunte, Henry Luggere, Thomas Alan, Walter de Feerne.

Two *seals*, both gone.

258 Walter Abbat of Robertsbridge to John de Sontyng and Mabel his wife.

Grant to John and Mabel and the heirs of John, of 9 acres of land in Tycheshurst, which the nief John Wudewerm held of the Abbey in villenage, and lying between land of the said John de Sontyng on one side, and land held by John Wudewerm on the other; subject to the yearly rent of 6*d.* for all service. — *Witnesses:* Robert de Burenhesse, Thomas de Padiham, Robert his son, Reginald le Hore, Thomas de Watlyngton, Ralph Smith of Werye, Henry le Luggere.

Two *seals*, both gone.

259 S: minister of the Church of Chichester to the Rectors, Vicars, and Prelates of the diocese.

16 Nov. 1276.

Letter reciting a mandate of Pope Honorius, under the seal of R: late Bishop of Chichester, dated at Viterbo 7 Id: Nov: in the 4th year of his Pontificate, and addressed to the archbishop, abbats, &c: of the province of Canterbury, directing them to give redress to the monks of Robertsbridge for the injuries done to their persons, goods, and possessions, by punishing laymen with the lesser excommunication, clerks, canons regular and monks by suspension from office without appeal (both laymen and clerks, who for using violence have been anathematized, to be absolved only on going to the apostolic seat with letters from the diocese), and the vills, where the goods of the monks are detained by force, by putting them under an interdict. In pursuance of this mandate the rectors, vicars, and prelates of the diocese of Chichester are ordered to exercise these powers whenever required by the monks. Dated at Bissopeston 16 Kal: Dec: 1276.

Seal, a fragment. A robed figure seated.

260 Thomas son of Alan of Robertsbridge to God and St: Mary, and the Gate and Gatekeeper of the Abbey.

11 June, 1278.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of 6*s.* yearly rent with power of distress on his tenement on failure of payment.—*Witnesses:* Alan Lambyn, Simon de Ferne, Henry Luggere, William Hunte, John de Horsbregg, Gibert Turnur, Walter de Ferne, Stephen Turnur.

Seal oval, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch. A star. Legend, ...

Attached to this document is a strip of parchment on which is a memorandum that it was made on the day of St: Barnabas the Apostle 6 E. 1.

261 William de Echyngham v. the Abbey.

15 July, 1279.

Final concord made in the King's Court at Chichester, 3 weeks of St: John the Baptist's day, 7 E. 1, before John de Reygate, William de Northbury, Geoffrey de Leukenor, Salomon of Rochester and Richard de Boylaund justices itinerant, by which the abbey recognizes to William 8 acres of land and 4 acres of wood in Salherst, subject to the yearly rent of 1 clove of gilliflower; and for this recognition William gives the abbey in frankalmoign 5*s.* rent issuing out of 30 acres of land in Salherst held of him by Thomas Aleyn.

262 The Custos and Chapter of the Chapel of St: Mary in the Castle of Hastyngs.

29 Feb. 1280.

Notification that, in pursuance of a writ of King Edward, dated at Chilterne, 3 Nov., in the 7th year of his reign, and which notifies that he has by letters patent licensed the Abbat of Robertsbridge and his successors to hold the prebend of Salherst, and the churches of Odymer and Mundefeld, and to be canons of the chapel, they have on the day before the kalends of March, 8 E. 1, admitted Abbat John de Wormedale to be canon and brother, and on his taking the oath in form as by composition agreed on between them and confirmed by the King, have assigned him a stall in the choir and a place in the chapter of the chapel.

Seal, a fine one, but only a fragment. A robed figure in profile seated.

263 John son and heir of Laurence de Posingeworth to Lord William Harengaud and Margaret his wife.

7 Aug. 1281.

Confirmation in fee of all the tenement of Possingeworth, in the vill of Wanderne, which had descended to him on the death of his father, as fully as contained in his charter of feoffment to Margaret and William and Margery. Dated at Ykelesham Thursday next after the feast of St: Peter ad Vincula, 9 E. 1, viz: 1281. — *Witnesses:* Lord Luke de Poninges, William de Echingham, Hugh de Boucy, Lord Luke de Vienne, Robert de Cokefeud, Symon de Perepunt, knights, Lord Walter rector of Hertefend, William Giffrey, Lampsin Covent, William de Sneysham, Hamo de Stoke, Oliver Heved.

Seal round, 1 inch. A fleur-de-lys seeded. Legend, 'S: Joh . . . Po . . . . wer . e.'

264 John son and heir of Laurence de Posingeworth to Lord William Harengaud and Margaret his wife.

7 Aug. 1281.

This document is a duplicate of No 263, but the seal is gone.

265 William Bremlelbus de Hestsetshe to the Abbey.

Grant of half an acre of land lying between the Abbey's land on the south and the land of Richard Tipe on the north, and abutting on that of William de Witerichesham to the west and that of Adam Geoffrey to the east; subject to the yearly rent of $1\frac{1}{2}d$. — *Witnesses:* Helias vel Thuia de Amiotesune, Richard Tipe, John Gefrei, Luke de Vythes, Augustin Gefrei.

Seal gone.

266 John de Suntinges to Gabriel de Teudele, Robert Wyther, Robert Miller, and Hamo Serreve.

9 Aug. 1285.

Confirmation of leases granted them by the Abbat of Robertsbridge of land at Hothlege in Ticheherste, for terms of 10, 7, and 6 years, all commencing at Michaelmas, 1283, and engagement on the part of himself and his heirs to defend them from molestation under a penalty of £10 to the King's Exchequer. — *Witnesses:* Lord William de Echingeham, Simon his brother, Master Henry de la Nesse, Robert de Passelegh, Simon de Lundresford, Reginald de Tyresherse. Dated at the Abbey of Robertsbridge on the eve of St: Laurence the Martyr, 1285.

Seal gone.

267 William de Grafteghe and Alice his wife, Simon de Ilbenerse and Albreda his wife, and William de Trindleghe to the Abbey.

Quitclaim in fee of all their right in the lands tenements and woods which Robert Sleybrond, a nief of the Abbey, and Matelina his wife, mother of the said Alice and Albreda, and grandmother of the said William, held of the Abbey in villenage at Hodleghe in the parish of Tycheshurst. Consideration money 40*s.* — *Witnesses:* Robert de Passeleghe, Reginald de Tyrshersse, Benedict de Flotinden, Richard de Browlesherse, John de Suntinges, John Bure . . ys, William de Fugelesbrok, William Hunte.

Five *Seals*, of which the 3rd is round, 1 inch. A star. Legend, 'S: Willi . . . Grft.'
4th, oval, $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch. A mother and child, and legend.
5th, round, $\frac{5}{8}$ inch. A star.

268 John de Sunting to the Abbey.

9 Aug. 1285. Quitclaim in fee of all the lands and tenements which he has by demise from Gilbert and Philip de Betenersh in the parish of Tichesherst and all his right therein. Dated at Robertsbridge, Thursday, the eve of St: Lawrence, 1285. — *Witnesses:* Lord William de Echingeham, Robert de Passelegh, Simon de Echingham, Reginald de Tireshers, Simon de Londreford, Alan Lambin, William le Hunte, Henry le Luggere, John de Bokesull.

Seal, round, $\frac{7}{8}$ inch. Two lines of letters beneath a crescent.

269 John de Sunting to the Abbat.

11 Aug. 1285. Release of the warranty to which the Abbat was bound by reason of the homage done him by the said John in respect of the land of Sleybrond in the vill of Tychesherst. Dated at Robertsbridge on the morrow of St: Lawrence the Martyr, 1285. — *Witnesses:* Lord William de Echingeham knight, Simon his brother, Robert de Passele, Reginald de Tyresherse, Simon de Lundesford, Roger Doget.

Seal the same as to No. 268.

270 John de Sunting to the Abbat.

11 Aug. 1285. This document is a duplicate of No. 269, but has the additional names as witnesses of Robert de Burgherse, William le Venur and Henry Loggere.

271 The Abbey of Robertsbridge and Richard de Doresle and Alice his wife.

24 June, 1287. Agreement made on the day of the Nativity of St: John the Baptist 15 E. 1, by which the monks demise to Richard and Alice for their lives all the tenement which Alan Ganter once held in Robertsbridge; at the yearly rent of 5*s.* for all service. The tenement is to be delivered up at the end of the term in as good or better condition, the lessees are to build a mill on it within the first year of their entry, and if the rent is in arrear for 2 years the monks are to be allowed to re-enter.

Seal, round, 1 inch. A star. Legend, 'S: Ricardi de Dor. .'

EXTRACTS FROM RECORDS.

272 Pleas between the Abbat of Robertsbridge and Ralph de Freningeham.

16 Oct. 1265. Letter obligatory from Roger the Abbat for payment to Ralph of 100*s.* every year at Easter. Dated at Robertsbridge, the Friday before the feast of St: Luke the Evangelist, 1265.

12 March, 1274. Letter from Ralph de Freningham quitclaiming to the monks the above debt and yearly pension. Dated at Freninggeham, Pope Gregory's day, 1274.

Proceedings of the Plea.

27 Jan. 1286. Memorandum that on the quinzaine of St: Hillary, 14 E. 1, Master Ralph de Freningham and the Abbat of Robertsbridge present themselves after a judicial writ of *Pone per vadios, &c.*, and by prayer of the parties a day is given for the morrow of St: John the

Baptist, on which day the Abbat essoigns himself, and a day is given for the morrow of St: Martin. On the morrow of St: Martin both parties appear, and at their prayer a day is given when the justices itinerant come into Sussex.

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1284. Pleas at Westminster before Thomas de Weyland and others, justices de Banco. Easter term, 12 E. 1, nearly at the end of the Roll (Sussex). The jury come to recognise whether a virgate of land in Salherst is frankalmoign appurtenant to the church of Brightling, whereof Iterus de Ingolism is parson, or a lay fee of the Abbey of Robertsbridge; whereon Iterus says that Rorerus his predecessor, formerly parson of the said church, was seized of the land in right thereof in the time of King Richard by taking the esplees, and afterwards alienated it. The Abbat appears by his attorney and says that Iterus has no right to it as appurtenant to his church, because he is seized of a yearly rent of 6*s.* by virtue of an agreement dated 1195 and made between the Abbey and St: Mary's Church, Hastings, in which Iterus is canon, and of which the church of Brightling is a prebend to which Iterus claims the land to be frankalmoign; and the agreement is produced. Afterwards the said Abbat says that the land is his lay fee and not frankalmoign appurtenant to the church of Brightling, and he thereupon puts himself on the country: Iterus likewise: therefore let a jury be had; it is respited to the octaves of St: John the Baptist for default of jurors, on which day the jury come and say on oath that the said tenement is a lay fee of the Abbat and not frankalmoign of the church of Iterus of Brightling. So let Iterus take nothing by his writ, but be in mercy for false claim.

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1284. In a plea between Henry de Setelescumbe and Geoffrey de la Cumbe concerning 4 messuages, 20 acres of land, and 2 acres of meadow in Iwerst, the jury say on their oath that the tenements are a lay fee of the Abbat and not frankalmoign appurtenant to the church of Ierus de Brythling; so it is decreed that Ierus take nothing by his writ, but be in mercy for false claim.

Note that this plea was for the land of Egelintune, for which a rent of 12*d.* is paid to the church of Brihtlinge together with 6*s.* which we pay yearly to the same church for the land of Ierkneselle and of Elam.

1284. Pleas at Westminster before Thomas de Weylond and others, justices de Banco, Easter term, 12 E. 1. At nearly the end of the roll is this memorandum, 'When this plea was before the Bench in London, King Edward was in Wales in the 12th year of his reign, 1284, and subdued all Wales and did with it as he pleased, Lewyn Prince of Wales having been slain in battle, 1283, and his brother David the same year taken and imprisoned and after Michaelmas of the same year basely condemned to death at Shrewsbury and the magnates of the kingdom invited to the spectacle.'

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1284. This document relates to the pleas between the Abbat of Robertsbridge and Iterus de Ingolism, and between Henry de Setelescumbe and Geoffrey de la Cumbe, and the matter is all contained in Nos. 273, 274.

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1284 Memorandum that 12 E. 1 in the octaves of St: John the Baptist on the 4th day the jury come before the justices at Westminster, viz: Thomas de Welilond and John de Lovetot, knights (William de Brumton, clerk, assisting them), and Lord I. de Kyrkebi then treasurer of the king's exchequer, in a plea between Iterus de Engolism, plaintiff, and the Abbat of Robertsbridge, defendant, concerning a virgate of land in Salherst and 4 messuages 50 acres of land and $2\frac{1}{2}$ of meadow in Ywherst, and they recognise that the premises are a lay fee of the Abbat, and not frankalmoign appurtenant to the church of Brithling of which Iterus is parson. These are the names of the jury: Lord William de Echingeham, Lord Roger de Leuekenor, knights, Robert de Passele, Simon de Cattefeld, Ralph de Rademelde, Adam de Selvestrode, Saer de Bosey, Hamo de Stokk, John de Bromham, John atte Grove, Stephen de Diksterne, Robert de Burton.

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Memorandum that we were seized of the rent comprised in the above charter by the hands of John de Vitele, afterwards of William de Hollington, and lastly of William de Hastinges when he first purchased the land of Sutilande out of which the rent issues ; he ceased to pay the rent, and a distress was made of 2 cows which he thereupon replevied in the Sussex County Court in the time of Walter Abbat of Robertsbridge ; the said Walter appeared at the first court, and William de Hastings made satisfaction before the second, both as to the rent and the arrears, viz: on the Saturday next after the Feast of the Holy Cross, 11 E. 1, in the hall of the Abbey, paying 19*d.* into the Abbat's own hands in the presence of William de Borstall and Reginald the monk, Nicholas Wasselyn, Clement at that time marshal to the Abbat of Battle, John de Bugesell, and John de Suntinges.

Meanwhile, as is said and before satisfaction was made, the said William sold the land of Sutilande to James Paulyn, who being distrained caused replevin of his cattle to be made at the court of the Earl of Richmond in the Rape of Hastings, whereupon the Abbat by writ, provided under the new statutes, removed the plea from that court to the bench.

The writ which the Abbat brought. [*Record recorded by the Sheriff.*]

4th June, 1286. R: de Pevenes, Sheriff of Sussex, 4 discreet knights of the county being associated with him, viz: William de Echingham, William Maufe, William de Hastings, and Robert Lyvet, on Tuesday in Pentecost week, 14 E. 1, in full court of John of Brittanny, Earl of Richmond, of the Rape of Hastings, recorded a suit which is before the same court between James Paulyn and the Abbat of Robertsbridge and others in the writ named, concerning the said James' cattle taken, &c: and it is recorded as follows:— 'James Paulyn complains of the Abbat of Robertsbridge John de Bertlinde and Benedict le Messer, concerning his cattle taken and unjustly detained. Sureties, Martin de Cliveshend and Reginald le Rede.'

And it is to be known that James Paulyn in full court as aforesaid came and said that the Abbat and John and Henry took his cattle at La Berndedune on the fee of the Prior of Hastings and not upon the Abbat's fee, and moreover they took the said James'

cattle at Sotilande on the fee of the Prior of Hastings and not on the Abbat's fee. And the said Abbat came and said that he took the said James' cattle by the hands of John de Bertland in Sotilonde on his own fee, for the customs and services due to him for the said tenement, viz: 19*d.* rent in arrear; and at another time he sought to take other cattle of the said James by the hands of Benedict le Messer, in Sotilonde, on his own fee for the customs and services aforesaid.

Proceeding of the Plea.

8 July, 1286. Memorandum that on the quinzaine of St: John the Baptist, 14 E. 1, was the first day, at which time both parties were essoigned and a day was given them for the quinzaine of St: Martin.

25 Nov. 1286. On the quinzaine of St: Martin both parties appeared, and at their prayer they had a day for the quinzaine of St: Hillary.

27 Jan. 1287. Memorandum that at the first day the Abbat made his attorney, William Godfrey or Adam Roswist.

And John de Berglynde and Benedict le Messer made their attorney, Adam Roswist or William de Wyvekehame.

27 Jan. 1287. Memorandum that on the quinzaine of St: Hillary James Paullyn appeared in person, and the Abbat of Robertsbridge by attorney, and by prayer of the parties a day was given them for a month from Easter at the instance of Richard Gosefeld.

3 May, 1287. On which day James essoigned himself, but the Abbat appeared by attorney, and a day was given them for 3 weeks from Michaelmas.

19 Oct. 1287. On which day the said James made default, but the Abbat appeared by attorney, and it was decreed that the said Abbat should depart *sine die*, and James and his sureties should be in mercy by writ as follows:—'Edward by the Grace of God, &c: to the Sheriff of Sussex greeting. Know, that inasmuch as the Abbat of Robertsbridge was summoned before the Justices in our court at Westminster to answer to James Paulyn in a plea why he took the cattle of the said James and unjustly detained them against gage and pledge, and the said James afterwards in the same court made default, by reason whereof it was decreed in the said court that

the said Abbat should depart thence *sine die*, and the said James and his sureties should be in mercy, and the Abbat should have return made him of the cattle; therefore we command thee to cause return to be made of the cattle without delay, and not deliver them at the plaint of the said James without our writ expressly making mention of the said judgment. — *Witness:* Thomas de Weylond, at Westminster, 15 Nov: 15 E. 1.

Proceeding of the Plea against John le Rede.

On the quinzaine of St: Hillary the Abbat essoigns himself against John le Rede, and likewise John against the Abbat. A day is given them for the quinzaine of the Holy Trinity.

On the quinzaine of St: Martin the Abbat made his attorney against Ralph de Mosewell, Robert de Lem or Adam Roswyft, in a plea of trespass, whereon the Abbat brought the suffixed writ.

On the same day he made his attorney against William de Stokes, brother Robert de Lem or Adam Roswyft in a plea of debt.

Oct. 1286. Memorandum that Ralph de Mosewell took the Abbat's cattle in the vill of R . . . . . next before the feast of all Saints, 14 E. 1.

278 William Heringod and Margery his wife to Margaret their daughter.

Grant of the manor of Posingewurthe in the parish of Walderne with all the Inlands, lands and tenements, rents, homages, reliefs, heriots and escheats. To hold to her and her heirs, subject to the yearly rent of 6*d.* for all service, save to the capital Lord, with remainders in default of issue successively to Alice her sister and Thomas her brother. — *Witnesses:* Lord Luke de Punninges, William de Echyngeham, Roger de la Ware, William Maufe, knights, John de Rademelde, Richard le Brade, Richard de Buncyngton, John de Ferles, Simon de Echyngeham.

Two *Seals:*—

1. Round, 1¼ inch. A shield, semée of cross crosslets and 3 herrings haurient. Legend, 'Sigillum Willelmi Harengod.'
2. Oval, 1⅛ inch. A lion rampant. Legend, 'Sigill: . . .arete.'

279 G: minister of the Church of Chichester to Lord William Herigaud.

6 Jan. 1290.

License (with the assent of Henry rector of Walderne) to Lord William, who is afflicted with an incurable disease and partially deprived of the use of his limbs, to have masses and the divine offices celebrated in the oratory at Posingworthe in Walderne by his own chaplain till he shall have fully recovered, after which time a chantry in his oratory is granted him; but this license is not to extend to his heirs. Dated at Aumb: 8 Id: Jan. 1290, and in the third year of his consecration.

Two *Seals*, both gone.

280 Stephen Abbat of St: Michael's, Tréport, to the Abbey.

20 Nov. 1290.

Receipt for 120 marks sterling for the use of his monastery, and quitclaim of a yearly rent of 9 marks due in respect of lands held of his abbey in the Rape of Hastings, and which are to be henceforth quit of all secular service and demand.—*Witnesses:* Lords Henry Abbat of Battle, Richard Abbat of Begeham, Alexander Prior of Hastings, Roger Prior of Michelham, Lords William de Echyngeham, William de Hastyngs, William Heryng:, Roger de Leukenore, William Maufe, Robert de Borenherse, knights, Simon de Echyngeham, Simon de Lonesford, Reginald de Tyresesse, John de Sontynges. Dated at the Abbey of Tréport, 20 Nov:, 1290.

Two *Seals*:—

1. Oval, 2 inches. A priest in his robes standing. Legend, 'Sigill: . . . atis de Ulteriori Port.' . .
2. Round, the lower part gone. St: Michael slaying a dragon. Legend, 'Hoc Ultr . . . . . betu. . .'

281 H: Garlande official of the Bishop of Chichester to the Rectors Vicars and Prelates of the Diocese.

19 May, 1293.

This document is similar to No. 259, and is dated at Robertsbridge, 14 Kal: Jun: 1293.

Seal, oval, only a fragment. A bishop's head under a canopy. Legend, '. . . . . is Cicestrie.'

282 John de Bogeselle to the Abbey.

10 Aug. 1293.

Release, in frankalmoign, of all his right in the field called Stompettefeld which is adjacent to the road leading from Robertsbridge to the Abbey, quit of all service. Dated at the Abbey of Robertsbridge on St: Laurence's day 1293, 21 E. 1.—*Witnesses:* Lord William de Echingeham, William de Hastyngs, John de Munceus, Robert de Burgherse, Robert de Passelegh, Henry Wardedeu, knights, Simon de Echingham, John de Ore, Reginald de Tiresherse, Simon de Lonsforde, Edmund de Passelegh, John de Suntyng, Adam de Hochamme, William de Ferryng.

Seal round, 1⅛ inch. An eagle displayed, its head being between a crescent and a star. Legend, 'S: Johan: fil . . . . armoron.'

283 Philip de Beeche to the Abbey.

Quitclaim for himself and his wife Hewysa of all their right in the tenement called Levingeslond in Watlingeton and Mundifeld which Thomas son of the late Thomas de Haremere holds of the abbey; consideration money 5 silver marks and 1 seam of corn (*summam frumenti*).—*Witnesses:* Lord William de Echingeham, Symon his brother, Symon de St: Leger, Symon de Lundreford, Henry Wardu, John de Suntinge, Thomas de Watlinton, William de Haremere, Ralph his brother, Henry Luggere, Robert de Ponte, Adam de Ottham.

Seal gone.

284 John de Somerfeld.

23 E. 1.

Acknowledgment that he has received from William de Aldryngedenne, son of Gilbert de Aldryngedenne, the land called Shaftesdenne in the parish of Sandherst, and which the said William gave him on the condition of his paying 9*s.* a year to the monks of Robertsbridge, being the rent which had been given them in frankalmoign by Eustace son of the late William de Shaftesdenn. Dated 23 E. 1.—*Witnesses:* Reginald de Beteryngdenn, Robert le Waldeys, Henry de la More, John de la More, William de Folkyndenn, Goldyng de Mapelesdenn, Robert his son.

Seal round, 1 inch. A star. Legend, 'S: Johis f . . . artini.'

285 Thomas son of Thomas Alan of Robertsbridge.

18 Jan. 1297

Inspeximus of his father's charter (see No. 260), granting to the gate and gatekeeper of the abbey, in frankalmoign, a yearly rent of 8*s.*—*Witnesses:* Adam de Ocham, William de Ferruge, Robert of Bridge, John his brother, Gilbert Tripelere, John le Luggere, John le Hunte, Reginald le Vox. Dated at Robertsbridge Abbey on the morrow of St: Anthony the Confessor, 1297.

Seal gone.

285* Pleydenn, Bolinton, Peplesham and Staunde.

9 Nov. 1299.

Inquisition made at Robertsbridge 9 Nov. 27 E. 1, before the king's escheator for Sussex, whether the Abbat of Robertsbridge acquired 9 marcates of rent with appurtenances in the vills of Pleydenn, Bolinton, Peplesham, and Staunde, before the publication of the statute of mortmain or since; and if before, when and how; by the oath of William Maufe, William de Hastings, John de Mounceus, Robert de Hugham, knights, John Heringaud, Simon de Shirinton, Hugh ate Chaunbre, Richard de Runcinton, Robert de Berche, Peter de Heggingewerthe, Robert le Coker, Simon de la Chaunbre, John de Codinghe, Roger de Mosewelle, Roger Doget, William de Lonesford, Reginald le Hore, William de Penherst, John de Soswell, William de Bromham, John de Smalefeld, Robert de Laungeherst, William de Holindale, John Aunger, Philip ate Wode, William clerk of Iklesham, Roger de Couelingg, John de Belhurst, Robert de Beruchurst, Simon ate Hagh:, William son of Simon de Harend:, Bartholomew Estomie, John Symound, Gilbert de Genesing, John ate Beche, John de Batelesford, Gilbert de Scardenn, Richard clerk of Werling, Richard Scot of Brenchurst, Thomas de Pelham, William de Chenham, Geoffrey de Ocstepe, Hamo de Assche, Rikeward le Coupere, John Bordoun, John le Souter, John de Penlesworthe, and Richard de Goteshole, who say that William de St. Noet late Abbat of Robertsbridge acquired the said 9 marcates of Arthur late Abbat of Tréport in Normandy and his convent, 7 H. 3, by purchase, for the sum of 100 marks; that the said abbat and his successors continued in possession till Wednesday in Pentecost week, 27 E. 1, when William de Leghe subescheator for Sussex took them into the king's hands, understanding that they had been acquired since the publication of the statute of mortmain.

286 Leveva de Bruero to Alan Toke of Kerkestune.

Grant (in her widowhood) for his homage and service and in consideration of 12*d.*, of 4 pieces of her land in the parish of Kerketune, whereof one piece lies between the land of William Gunter and that of William Gerard, and one side abuts on the meadow of William Gunter towards the north and the other on the bush which stands next the land of the said Alan Toke. The second piece lies in the field called Newdich between the land of William de Bruer and that of said Wm: Gerard, and one side abuts on the land of Norhin of Kerket: towards the west, and the other on the land of Robert de Bosco towards the east. The third piece lies between the land of William de Bruer on the east and the abuttals of Newdich on the west, and one side abuts towards the south and the other towards the north. The fourth piece lies between the land of William de Bruer towards the west and that of said Alan Toke towards the east, and one side abuts towards the south and the other towards the north. To hold in fee by the yearly render of a rose at feast of St: John the Baptist.—*Witnesses:* Robert de Bramford, John de Langestune, William Burrich, Richard Warner, John Andreu.

Seal gone.

287 Margery widow of William Heringaud, knight, to Margaret Heringaud her daughter.

7 June, 1304.

Release, in fee, of all her right in the tenement of Possingeworth in the parish of Walderne, together with the buildings, homages, rents, services, wards, reliefs, escheats, suits of court, pleas and perquisites.—*Witnesses:* Lords William Maufe and William de Hastings, knights, John de Radmelde, Robert de la Birch:, Richard de Ratton, Richard de Rontindon, Richard de la Hoke. Dated at Langestok, co. South:, Sunday next before the feast of St: Barnabas the Apostle, 32 E. 1.

Seal oval, $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch. A lion ramp. Legend, 'Sigillum Secreti.'

288 Alan de Bokeshelle, son and heir of John de Bokeshelle, to the Abbey.

13 Dec. 1305.

Release, in fee, for 40 marks and the yearly present of a robe

during his life, of all his right in 2 gardens and 2 watermills of Retherlonde with their appurtenances in the parish of Salherst, lying lengthways between the king's highway which leads from Robertsbridge to the Abbey on the south and the course of the stream which runs to the said Abbey on the north, and abutting on land of his own and in his own occupation in Robertsbridge to the west and the bridge of Retherlonde to the east. Dated at the abbey on the day of St: Lucy the Virgin, 1305.—*Witnesses:* Lords William de Echyngham, Robert de Burghesse, Robert de Echyngham, Robert de Passelegh, William de Hastings, Henry Wardedu, Baldewyn de Stowe, John Heryngaud, William Maufe, knights, Lord Robert Bardelby then rector of the church of Sandherst and clerk of the king's chancery, Symon de Echyngham, Edmund de Passelegh, William de Lollesforde, Thomas de Hastyngs, William de Harmere, John de Belherst.

Seal oval, 1 inch. An oak branch (?). Legend, 'S: Alani de Bokeselle.'

289 30 July, 1308. Laurence Abbat of Robertsbridge to Thomas son of Gilbert Wendout and Robert his brother.

Grant to them and the heirs of their bodies of a piece of land called Evotelond in the parish of Sedelescumbe adjoining land of the Abbey called Waleslond on the east, land called St: Maridonne on the west, the king's high road on the north, and the Abbey's wood on the south; subject to the yearly rent of 9*s.* 4*d.* for all service save suit twice a year at his court of Robertsbridge.—*Witnesses:* Jocius de Ferne, William de Hodesdale, William Atewode, Geoffrey de Chitelesbirthe, Jocius de Finhaghe, Reginald de Echene, Ralph Kenne, John Fletcher, John and Roger le Wilde, Walter le King, Robert Clerk. Done at Robertsbridge, 3 kal: Aug: 2 E. 2.

Seal gone.

290 1 March, 1309. King Edward to the Abbey.

Royal Charter granting to the monks, in consideration of their losses by inundations of the sea in their marshes of Wynchelse Rie and Promhull, licence to acquire 100 librates of land and rent

either of their own fee or of that of others, notwithstanding the statute of mortmain. Done at Westminster, 1 Mar: 2 E. 2.

Seal, Great Seal of England, as engraved in Sandford's 'Genealogical History,' p. 121, but not in perfect condition.
Inrolled amongst the Charters of 2 E. 2.

291 Peter de Ros to Lord William de Echingeham.

25 March, 1309.

Grant of the advowsons of the churches of Salhurst, Odimer, and Mundefeld, which he had of the gift and feoffment of the said William; to hold the said advowsons together with the presentations to Eastden to the said William his heirs and assigns of the capital lords of the fee by the service due in respect thereof. Dated at Salherst on the day of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary, 2 E. 2. — *Witnesses:* Lords Henry Wardedeu, Robert de Passelegh, John Harengod, Baldewyn de Stowe, knights, Symon de Echingeham, Andrew Peverel, Eadmund de Passelegh, William de Lundresford, Thomas de Yardhurst, Alan de Bukeshell, William of Bridge.

Seal, round, $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch. An eagle seizing a hare. Legend, 'S: Petri de Ros.'

292 King Edward to William de Echingham and the Monks.

20 May, 1309.

Royal Charter reciting No. 290, and licensing William de Echingham to grant and the monks to hold the advowsons of the churches of Salherst, Odymer and Mundifeld, worth 50 marks a year, according to the extent made by Walter de Gloucester the escheator this side Trent. Tested at Westminster, 20 May, 2 E. 2.

Seal, the Great Seal of England, being the same as to No. 290, but also imperfect.

293 King Edward to William de Echingham and the Monks.

20 May, 1309.

This document is identical with No. 292, and dated 20 May, 2 E. 2.

Seal the same as to Nos. 290 and 292, but also imperfect.

294 John of Brittanny, Earl of Richemond, to the Abbey.

8 Aug. 1309. Confirmation of the grant made by William de Echingham, in frankalmoign, of the advowsons of the churches of Salherst, Odymer and Mundefeld, in his Rape of Hastings; but on condition that the Abbat and his successors shall find a chaplain to do daily service for the said John and his heirs, and make special memory at the high altar. If the Abbat fail the Earl's bailiffs are to have the right to distrain on all his lands, tenements, and chattels in the rape. — *Witnesses:* Lord John Russebe, Lord Richard de Beringham, knights, William de St: Pierre, Aumfrid de Momborchis, Philip de la Marche, Jamettus de St: Albin. Dated at Foderinghey, Friday before the Feast of St: Lawrence, 1309, 3 E. 2.

Seal, the greater part gone. On a diapered ground a knight on horse at full speed, the shield and caparisons charged with chequy and a canton ermine all within a bordure of lions passant; on the horse's neck a label. Legend, 'S': J . . . . . ' The counterseal is a shield of the same arms within a gothic design.

295 John de Cranebrok and Belcencia his wife to the Abbey.

18 Jan. 1310. Grant, in frankalmoign, of a piece of land in the parish of Iweherst called Le Strake, adjacent on the east and south to the meadow the Abbey holds of the manor of Fudylond, on the west to the King's highway which leads from Bodyham to Hastings, and on the north to land of Cecily de Ocham; subject to the yearly rent of 12*d.* during the lives of the grantors. — *Witnesses:* Lord Henry Wardedeu, knight, Reginald le Hore, Peter de Lurdingstrete, Reginald de Echene, William ate Wode, Simon ate Haghe, Nicholas de Ocham, Ricc: ate Brok, Robert Feagh. Dated on the Feast of the Chair of St: Peter, 3 E. 2.

Two *Seals*:—

1. Round, 1 inch. A star. Legend, 'S: Johis d'Cranebrok.'
2. Round, 1 inch. A fret. Legend, 'S: Belcenc' d'Echeng.'

296 Reginald de Echene to the Abbey.

9 March, 1310. Release of all his right in the piece of land called le Strak in Iweherst, which the Abbey had of the gift of John de Cranebrok and Belcencia his wife. — *Witnesses:* Lord Henry Wardedeu, knight, Reginald le Hore, Peter de Lurdingstrate, William ate Wod, Simon ate Haghe, Nicholas de Ocham, Ricc: ate Brok, Robert Feagh. Dated at Iweherst 7 Id: Mar: 3 E. 2.

Seal in fragments.

297 Roger of Canterbury, shoemaker, to the Abbey.

27 Jan. 1310.

Grant of an acre of land in Salherst adjoining in breadth abbey land to the east and a field of Alan de Bokeshulle called le Milnefeld to the west, and in length the King's highway leading from the Abbey to Robertsbridge to the north; also 1 acre of his brookland in Salherst lying lengthways between abbey land on the east and land of Alan de Bokeshulle on the west.—*Witnesses:* Lords, William de Echingham, Robert de Passelegh, Henry Wardedeu, Robert de Echingham, Baldewin de Stowe, knights, William de Lonesford, William de Haremere, Joceus de Ferne, Peter de Lurdingstrate, Reginald de Echene, William atte Wode, Henry de Sharman. Dated at Robertsbridge, Tuesday next before the Purification of the Virgin Mary, 3 E. 2.

Seal gone.

298 Alan de Bokeselle to the Abbey.

2 July, 1311.

Grant in fee farm of 8 acres of his brookland in Salherst, lying between the stream from Robertsbridge to Ritherelonde mill on the north, and his own land on the south, and abutting on the land of Robert of Bridge to the west, and Ritherelande garden to the east; also a piece of his land in Salherst, 16 feet wide, lying between Ritherelande garden on the east, and his own land on the west, and extending from the road between Robertsbridge and the Abbey on the south, to the said 8 acres of brook on the north; subject to the yearly rent of 30*s.* for all service, for payment of which the Abbey pledges all its lands of Ritherlande as well as the above premises.—*Witnesses:* Lords William de Echingham, Robert de Passelegh, Henry Wardedeu, Robert de Echingham, Baldewin de Stowe, knights, Simon de Echingham, William de Lundresford, Roger Doget, Joceus de Ferne, William de Haremere, Reginald de Echene, Richard Herin. Dated at Robertsbridge, Friday next after the Feast of SS: Peter and Paul, 4 E. 2.

Seal round, 1 inch. On a crouching lion 3 shields in point; the first charged—3 crescents, over all a canton; the second—a canton, over all a bend charged with . . . . . ; the third—fretty. Legend, 'S: Alan de Bukeshille.'

299 Prebend of Hastings.

27 April, 1313. Anno 1313.—Indic: 11, Pontif: of Clem. V. 8, 5 kal. May. Notarial instrument certifying that on this date, in the presence of Arnald priest of St. Prisca and cardinal, papal nuncio, John Bishop of Chichester, and John Abbat of Robertsbridge, came Henry de Garland, chancellor, and Robert de Leycester, archdeacon of Chichester, as proctors for the Dean and Chapter of Chichester by letters patent under their seal, and William of Battle, monk of Robertsbridge, as proctor for the said abbat and convent of Robertsbridge by letters patent under the seal of the abbat; and the said proctors for the Dean and Chapter said and proposed before the said cardinal—that in a certain amicable award which he had lately made and pronounced by virtue of a certain compromise or submission which the Bishop of Chichester for himself and his successors and in the name of the Dean and Chapter of the church of Chichester and of John Archdeacon of Lewes for the church of Chichester, and William called Young rector of Mondefeld on the one part, and the said abbat on the other part, made to the said cardinal, by authority of a papal privilege to the said abbat and convent, regarding a controversy which had arisen between them concerning the fruits rents &c. of a certain prebend of the chapel of Hastings and the curacy of the said chapel of Mondefeld—he, the said cardinal, in one article of his decree which begins 'we decree that of the said portion of the fruits and rents, &c. of the said chapel we have ordained to belong to the abbat the whole alterage by which we understand, &c.' as in an instrument under his hand and seal made, on the compromise appears, was deceived as to the value of the said alterage, inasmuch as it had been in that article assigned to the future vicar in the said chapel of Mondefeld and his vicarage charged with the payment of 100*s.* to the chantor in a certain chantry by the cardinal in the said decree constituted in the church of Chichester, and endowed with the said 100*s.*; whereby it would appear that the said vicar was bound to pay the said 100*s.*, and in common estimation the alterage could not in any year produce that sum. And they supplicated the cardinal to amend his decree, &c., &c. And the cardinal decrees that the said 100*s.* shall be paid by the abbat out of the fruits rents and offerings of the chapel of Mondefeld to the person who shall be chantor in the said chantry, at the terms fixed in the article above referred to: and that the fruits rents and offerings be

charged with the payment thereof; but if the abbat shall fail and these shall prove insufficient, so that the bishop cannot well proceed to sequestration, that then the fruits rents and offerings of the prebend of the said chapel of Hastings, appropriated to the abbat shall be charged with the said payment and may be sequestrated by the bishop till payment be made. And so by the transfer of this charge to the abbat he ordains that the said alterage and vicar shall be free from the said payment, and that the alterage shall remain for the sustenance and hospitality of the vicar, and that the fruits rents and offerings of the chapel of Mondefeld shall be charged with the payment of 7 marks a year instead of 11 to the vicar, and that the vicar shall have no further claim upon the abbat, except only that the abbat shall assign a fitting habitation for the vicar who shall be first appointed and his family, and assign it to him and his successors. The remainder of his former decree is confirmed. The respective parties are to swear on the Gospels to the observance of this decree and to express their approbation of the papal privilege granted to the abbat: the bishop and proctors of the Dean and Chapter to renounce all appeals against the privilege and letters and appropriation, the Dean and Chapter to ratify these proceedings within 15 days, and the bishop and Dean and Chapter to append their greater seals both to the above public instrument and the present, and the abbat and convent to do the same.—Here follow letters from the Dean and Chapter of Chichester, appointing Henry de Garlaund chancellor, and Robert de Leycester archdeacon of Chichester, both canons, their proctors, dated at the Chapter house of Chichester, Saturday in Easter week (21 Ap.), 1313. Letters of the abbat and convent appointing William of Battle their proctor, dated in the Chapter of Robertsbridge, 9 kal: May (23 Ap:) 1313.—After this the said bishop and abbat and the proctors of the Dean and Chapter and William of Battle ratified and swore on the Gospels to observe the decree.—Of all which the cardinal commands him, Pontius Marguntquus, to make one or more public instruments and seal with his seal, and also the other parties. All the above things were done on the above date in the Bishop of London's house where the cardinal lived, in the presence of . . . arius de . . largus of Narbonne, Peter Raffini of Maine, Hugh Warknethby of Chichester, canons of churches, Robert de Kirkeby priest of the said bishop, Guill: de Villars, monk of the monastery *Fontis frigidi* of the Cistercian order in the diocese of Narbonne,

and John de Midford public notary. Afterwards prid: non: Maii (6 May) in the same year, in the presence of the same notary and the underwritten, Brothers Jonas de Iclesham custos of the order in the place of the prior, John of Battle, cellarer, John of Lamberhurst, chantor, William of Battle, sacrist, Laurence of Canterbury, John of Watlington, Richard of Borstalle, John of Promhelle, John de Morgan, John of Maydstone, Gregory of Maydstone, Richard de Bocfast, Stephen de Hastyngs, John of Ledes, Laurence of Maidstone, John of Molton, Thomas of Battle, monks of Robertsbridge, assembled in their chapter, after hearing the instrument read, ratified it and sanctioned the sealing of it by the abbat. Done in the presence of Lawrence de Tonebregg monk of Caldra of the Cistercian order, Thomas Erchinbaut of Chichester, John Constantine of Worcester, Thomas de Ivelde of Canterbury diocese, and others. On 8 Id: Maii (8 May) in the same year, in the notary's presence, John de St: Leophard, dean, Henry de Garlaund, chancellor, William de Thesford, treasurer, Richer de Syddelesham and William de Estden, canons of Chichester, in their chapter have ratified and sanctioned the sealing thereof.—Concerning all which things the said Dean and Chapter and Brother William of Battle proctor for the abbat, desired the notary to make public instruments. Done on the said day, &c., in the presence of William Prik . . love, Richard Bartholomews, John Lynetun, Robert de la Grave, Henry de Lys priests, and Stephen de Whatelie, subdeacon of the church of Chichester.

Four *Seals*:—

1. Oval, 2 inches. Virgin and child under a canopy, a robed priest kneeling before them. Legend, 'S: Johis de Ge.tino Archid: Lewens.'
2. Oval, 3 inches. Under a canopy a robed priest standing, his right hand raised for benediction, in his left a pastoral staff.
3. Oval, 3 inches. A cross divided into 5 niches or compartments; in the first God the Father seated; in the second a robed figure standing; in the third the Virgin and Child; in the fourth a priest kneeling; in the fifth a priest kneeling. Legend, 'S: Fratris Arnaldi Dei Gra: Sce Prisce Pbri Cardinalis.'
4. Seal of the Church of Chichester, the same as the second of the three seals engraved on page 37 of Dallaway's 'History of the City of Chichester.'

300 William de Echingham to the Abbey.

16 June, 1314. Grant in fee of a messuage, garden, 12 acres of land, and 102*s.* and 1*d.* rent in Salherst, which he had of the feoffment of Lord Alan de Bokeselle; also of 11*s.* and 1*d.* rent out of his tenements of Todehurst in the same vill; and the homages and services of John le Turnur, Gilbert Tripilere, William de Iregge, Peter de Eselinge, Roger Sutor, the heir of John le Blake, John de Finaghe, Alan le Beche, Robert Luggere, Philip Burel, Robert le Fullere, Peter de Ocham, Matilda Batayle, William Foglyling, John de Pesemershe, Thomas le Hunte, Adam le Blak, William Brambelonde, Alan Tinctor, Alan le White, John Cuteler, Adam de Idenne, Adam le Hiwe, Robert de Bodekesherst, Gilbert le Puke, John de Bradstede, Thomas de Yardhyrst, Roger le Wise, Robert Henry, William de Ferregge, Ringer de Watlington, Thomas de Winekeham, John Havek, Robert Finch, Walter le Turnur, William Godday and their heirs, due to him in respect of their tenements in the same vill; also of 42 acres of land, 4½ acres of meadow, and 40 acres of wood in the same vill, which Thomas de Yardhurst holds of him for life; and release of a fee farm rent of 30*s.* issuing out of 8 acres of brookland held of him by the Abbey in the same vill. The above premises are given subject to the condition that the Abbey shall at its own charges find two chaplains, monks or seculars, to do daily service for the soul of himself, Eva his wife, and his heirs, in the chapel in the said vill on the spot where the Abbey was originally founded, Good Friday and Easter eve only excepted, and find them in bread, candles, vestments, and other ornaments necessary for the chantry. Dated at Robertsbridge, Sunday next after the Feast of St: Barnabas the Apostle, 7 E. 2.—*Witnesses:* Lords Robert de Echingham, Alan de Bokeselle, Baldewin de Stowe, John Haringaud, Giles de Briaunson, John de Munceaus knights, Edmund de Passelegh, William de Lonesford, Robert de Peplesham, Joceus de Ferne, William de Haremere, Henry de Schordenne.

Seal round, 1⅝ inch. A knight on horse galloping, with shield and trappings marked fretty: in the corners 4 shields, the first charged with a chief; the second 3 crescents, over all a canton; the third 3 bars, and over all a bend; the fourth 7 lozenges conjoined. Legend, 'S': Domini Willelmi de Echingeham.' Counterseal 1 inch. Four shields in point: the first charged with a fret, the second with 2 mullets on a chief, the third with 7 lozenges conjoined, and the fourth with 3 crescents and a canton. Legend, 'S: Willi: de Echingham.' (See No. 322.)

301 William Tuse to the Abbey of Boxley.

Sale, for a silver mark and an upper tunic of the value of 3*s.*, of all his right in that piece of land and buildings in Little Northtun at Gennemuthe, which he held of the said Abbey, and which lay between the land of the Abbey of Beaulieu on the north and that of the Abbey of Boxley on the south, and abutted to the east and west on land of the said Abbey of Boxley.—*Witnesses:* Robert Kiffe, Robert Esseman, Thomas Brice, Thomas le Grom, David Hacon, William Bartholomew, Thomas de Capeton, John de Bosco, Philip Brun, Symon Box, Henry Rolond, Thomas Crede.

Seal round, 1⅛ inch. A star of leaves. Legend, 'S: Will: Tovse.'

302 Helewye widow of William de Orewell to the Abbeys of Robertsbridge and Boxley.

Quitclaim of her right of dower out of the land of her late husband in the parish of Gernemuthe, lying between the land of John Grave to the south and the land of Henry de Gernemuthe to the north, and abutting on the marsh of the said vill to the west and the gate to the east.—*Witnesses:* Alard de Wyncheles:, Reginald his brother, Robert Pauli, John his brother, Bartholomew Godard, Stephen le Gric, Gervase de Lord, Geoffrey Helye, Adam Clerk.

Seal oval, 1⅜ inch. Virgin and child. Legend, 'S: Helewise uxor. . . . . .'

303 Alan de Bokeselle knight to William de Ponte of Robertsbridge.

20 Dec. 1314.

Grant in fee of a rent of 2*s.* and the services due from John de Berewerthe in respect of a tenement he held of the grantor in Robertsbridge in the parish of Salherst, and which tenement had once been Thomas Sutor's. Dated at Robertsbridge, Friday next before Christmas, 8 E. 2.—*Witnesses:* William de Lonesford, William de Haremere, Robert Brabon, Joceus de Ferne, Simon de Borgham, Adam de Idenne, Thomas Honte, Thomas de Coresle.

Seal gone.

304 Thomas de Promhelle to Richard le Lad and Matilda his wife.

Lease, for life of said Richard and Matilda, of a tenement in Salhurst late Richard de Idenne's, at the yearly rent of 4*d.*— *Witnesses:* John Turnur, John de Fynhage, Robert de Bekeleshst, Robert Fynch, Thomas de Gynekeham.

Seal round, 1 inch. A flower of 8 petals. Legend, 'S: Thome Promhell.'

305 Alan de Bokeselle to Robert Henry.

Grant to Robert Henry, with remainder to Robert Thomas his son and the heirs of his body, remainder to the heirs of the body of Robert Henry, of ½ an acre of land in Le feyre feld in the vill of Salherst, and another ½ acre of land in the croft next the garden of Retherlande in the same vill; subject to the yearly rent of 3*s.* 10*d.* for all services, save heriot and relief on the death of every tenant, and suit of court at Robertsbridge on reasonable summons.—*Witnesses*: Robert of Bridge, Robert le Follere, Thomas le Hunte, Gilbert Trapiler, Roger le Wyse, John de Pesemers, Henry Alban (clerk).

Seal gone.

306 Alan de Bokeselle to Peter de Ochame.

1 Feb. 1313. Grant to Peter and the heirs of his body of 3 acres of meadow called Walpelmed in Salherst, adjoining on the east a meadow of Walter de Winekham, on the south a meadow of Thomas de Yardherst, on the west land of William Fugelyng, and on the north land of William de Iregge, together with a road thereto 14 feet broad through the middle of Tripeleresgate; subject to the yearly rent of 8*s.*, suit at his court of Robertsbridge, and relief. Consideration money 6 marks. Dated at Salhurst, Thursday next after the Purification of the Blessed Mary, 6 E. 2.—*Witnesses:* Robert le Fullere, Robert of Bridge, William Flecher, Thomas le Hunte, John Poynont, John Cuteler, Robert de Ocham, Adam de Ydenne, Gilbert Tripelere, Thomas Erkebaud (clerk).

Seal the same as to No. 298.

307 Peter de Ocham to Thomas de Yardherst.

1 Aug. 1314.

Grant of the same premises as in No. 306, and subject to the same yearly rent, suit of court and relief, but these are all to be paid to the Abbey of Robertsbridge. Dated the Feast of St: Peter ad Vincula, 8 E. 2.—*Witnesses:* Robert Follere, Gilbert Tripeler, Roger de Sokenersse, William Flecher, Thomas le Honte, Adam le Blake, Robert ate Coumbe, Peter de Eslyngge.

Seal round, 1 inch. A star. Legend, 'S: Petri de Ochame.'

308 Peter de Ocham to Thomas de Yardherst.

29 Sep. 1314.

Demise of 3 acres of meadow called Walpelmed in Salherst, adjoining on the west land of William Fugheling, on the east a meadow of Walter de Winelham, on the south a meadow of the Abbey, and on the north land of William de Iregge. To hold, together with a road through Tripeleresgate, for a term of 30 years from the feast of St: Alban 8 E. 2, at the yearly rent of 3 marks. —*Witnesses:* William Flecher, Robert ate Coumbe, William de Dalynthon, John Fynhagh, Robert Vynch, Peter de Crosham, Robert of the Abbey gate, John clerk. Dated at Robertsbridge, Michaelmas, 8 E. 2.

Seal the same as to No. 307.

309 Thomas de Yardherst to the Abbey.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of 3 acres of meadow called Walpelmed which he had of the gift of Peter de Okham, together with the road thereto through Tripeleresgate. Dated at the Abbey, Tuesday next before the feast of St: Margaret the Virgin, . . E. 2.—*Witnesses:* Robert of Bridge, Robert Fullore, Robert de Coumbe, Adam le Blake, William de Dalynthon, Peter de Eshyngge, Peter de Okham, Thomas Erkebaud.

Seal, a fragment only.

310 Johan daughter and heir of William Brewere to James Bodiham.

19 Oct. 1373.

Grant of a piece of meadow in Robertsbridge next that called Waspelmed, which William her father acquired from John Curtays ;

to hold of the capital lords of the fee by the services due in respect thereof.—*Witnesses:* Robert Mortimer, Alan Ryngdenn, John Whyte, William Idenn, Stephen Curtays. Dated at Robertsbridge, on the morrow of St: Luke the Evangelist, 47 E. 3.

Seal round, 1 inch. A shield of arms and legend, but both effaced.

311 Thomas le Hunte of Robertsbridge to the Abbey.

Grant, in frankalmoign, for the purposes of hospitality, of a piece of meadow in Waspelmed in Saleherst parish, below the vill of Robertsbridge, 18 feet in breadth and 3 rods in length lying to the east of his meadow and to the west of that of the monks as marked out by metes and bounds.—*Witnesses:* John de Grove, John de Fynhage, Alan de Ryngdenne, Adam le Blake, Roger le Wyse, Thomas Erkebaud clerk.

Seal round, only a fragment. A star. Legend, 'S: . . . . . unte.'

312 Nicholas le Hunte son of Thomas le Hunte the younger to the Abbey.

Release, in frankalmoign, for the purpose of hospitality of a piece of meadow in Waspelmed in the parish of Salherst below the vill of Robertsbridge, 18 feet broad and 13 rods long, adjoining on the east a meadow of Thomas le Hunte his grandfather, and on the south, west, and north, a meadow belonging to the Abbey.—*Witnesses:* John de Fynhage, John de Ryngdenne, Peter Dyn, Adam le Blake, John de Fynhage the younger, Thomas de Erkebaud.

Seal in fragments.

313 Matilda relict of Richard le Lad to Thomas de Promhelle.

19 Dec. 1316.

Quitclaim of all her right in two tenements in Salherst and in the vill of Robertsbridge, adjoining on the east land of Alan le Wite, on the south and west the King's highway leading to Battle through the middle of the vill of Robertsbridge, and on the north land of Matilda ate Cruche. Consideration money 3*s*. Dated at Salherst Sunday next before the feast of St: Thomas the Apostle,

10 E. 2.—*Witnesses:* William de Iwregge, Thomas de Wynekeham, Gilbert Turnur, Robert Fynch, Thomas Erkebaud.

Seal oval, broken. A star with legend.

314 William de Echingham and the Abbey.

Easter, 1317.

Final concord made at Westminster in the quinzaine of Easter, 10 E. 2. before the justices, William de Bereford, Gilbert de Roubiry, John de Benstede, Henry le Scrop, John Bacun, and John de Mutford, by which William recognises to the Abbey a messuage, 54 acres of land, 4½ acres of meadow, 40 acres of wood and 7 librates 3 solidates and 2 denariates of rent in Salherst, but as to 42 acres of land, 4½ acres of meadow, and 40 acres of wood subject to the life interest of Thomas de Yardehurst. Consideration money 100 pounds sterling.

Indorsed, 'De Todhurst.'

315 Alan Abbat of Robertsbridge v. Ralph de Cameys.

30 May, 1317.

At a court of the gate of the Castle of Pevenese held on Monday the morrow of the Holy Trinity, 10 E. 2, the Abbat appears against Ralph in a plea of cattle taken, and says that on a given day Ralph took 3 of his beasts in the vill of Chidinglegh, in a place called Sabinelond, and drove them to the house of Walter at Gloustre and impounded them there till the bailiff of the gate set them free, to his damage of 40*s.* Ralph appears, and says that William Erkebaud once held a messuage and 60 acres of land in the said vill of John de Gatesden his grandfather, by homage, scutage of ½ a mark in 40*s.*, a yearly rent of 6*s.* 8*d.* and suit of court at Friland every 3 weeks; that William sold to Robert Abbat of Robertsbridge who did fealty and suit to Margaret de Cameys, to whom the demesne came on the death of the said John de Gatesden; and that Alan, now Abbat, did fealty and suit to him the said Ralph as lord of the fee, and because he had never done him homage he distrained 3 beasts as he had a right to do. The Abbat allows that he holds the premises by fealty and suit but by no other service, Ralph puts himself on his country.

12 July, 1317.

At a court of the gate of the castle held on Monday next after the feast of the translation of St: Martin, 11 E. 2, in an inquisi-

tion made before Elias clerk, deputy of Robert de Sapi constable of the castle, it is found that the Abbat holds of Ralph a messuage and 60 acres of land by fealty and suit at his court of Foxhunt every three weeks and by no other services, that Ralph has unjustly distrained, shall pay the Abbat his damage, and be in mercy.

316 The Abbat of Robertsbridge and John Flecher.

24 June, 1317.

Agreement by which the abbat gives John and the heirs of his body a piece of land in the parish of Yewherst, lying in a field called Joan Andrewes land, abutting on the King's highway leading from Bodyham to Hastings towards the east, lengthways towards the south on land which the said John bought of Simon Brid, and on abbey land to the north; subject to the payment of 4*s.* a year, heriot on the death of every tenant if John or his heirs shall build on the land, suit of court twice a year at Robertsbridge and relief. —*Witnesses:* Joceus de Ferne, Reginald de Echene, Peter de Lurdynstrete, William ate Wode, Nicholas de Okham, John ate Strete. Dated at the Abbey on the feast of St: John the Baptist, 10 E. 2.

Seal in shape of a shield. A star of 6 leaves. Legend, 'S: Johans: Flecher.'

317 Gilbert de Crouherst to Thomas de Promhelle.

27 Aug. 1318.

Grant in fee of a piece of his land which he purchased of Matilda ate Cruche of Robertsbridge adjoining breadthways to the east land of Thomas son of Alan le Hunte, to the west the King's highway leading from Robertsbridge to Battle, lengthways to the south a tenement of the said Thomas, and to the north a tenement of Robert ate Wode and a curtilage of Thomas Erkebaud; subject to the yearly payment of 4*d.* to the Lord of the fee for all services. Dated at Salherst Sunday next after the feast of St: Bartholomew the Apostle, 12 E. 2.—*Witnesses:* John de Auntesham, Adam de Idenne, John Turnur, Walter Burel, Thomas de Wynekeham, Robert ate Wode, Richard Cornere, Walter Turnur, Thomas Erkebaud clerk.

Seal ound, 1 inch. A star of 8 leaves. Legend 'S: Gilb'ti de Crouh'st.'

318 Nicholas Abbat of Robertsbridge to Robert son of Walter de Wockele.

20 Jan. 1320.

Grant to Robert and the heirs of his body, remainder to Henry his younger brother and the heirs of his body, remainder to the Abbat and his successors, of a messuage and garden and 1 acre of land in Hauekherst; the messuage extending east and south to land of Geoffrey le Glovere, west to . . . stret, and north to land of Geoffrey and Richard sons of Robert de Wockele; the 1 acre extending eastwards to the tenement of the said sons of Robert de Wockele, and westwards to land of the said Robert son of Walter, and abutting southwards on the said garden and northwards on land of William Tubert; subject to the yearly payment of 3*s.* 8½*d.* Dated at the Abbey, 13 kal: Feb: 13 E. 2.—*Witnesses:* John de Kungherst, John de Betheryndenn, Thomas ate Cherche, Ralph de Delmyndenn, Geoffrey le Glovere, Robert ate Forde, William Fordman, Richard Reelf, Henry de Delmyndenn, Simon Friyman.

Seal round, 1 inch. A star of 8 leaves. Legend, 'S: Robti d'Wockel.'

319 John Bishop of Chichester.

6 May, 1324.

Inspeximus under his seal dated at London the day before the Ides of May, 1324, of a Bull of Pope Boniface, dated at Lateran 15 Kal: Jan: the eighth year of his pontificate, and granting to the Cistercian order exemption of their lands from tithes as well those in their own occupation as those they have demised or shall demise to others.

Seal, a fragment. A bishop sitting under a canopy, his right hand raised for benediction, in his left a pastoral staff. Legend.

320 Thomas son of John de Bokeselle to John Abbat of Robertsbridge.

23 June, 1324.

Release of action, and grant of a water course through his land to the abbey mills of Retherlond and the right of shutting off the water there notwithstanding that the reflux might cause submersion of his land. Dated at Robertsbridge, Saturday the eve of St: John the Baptist, 17 E. 2.—*Witnesses:* William de Haremere, William

of Bridge, Robert of Bromhamme, Elfer Foghelyng, Simon de Burghamme, William de Ferregge.

Seal round, $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. Between 2 heads facing each other a quatrefoil slipped issuing from a heart. Legend.

321 Lord William de Echingeham knight and the Abbat.

24 Aug. 1325.

Agreement dated at Robertsbridge on the Feast of St: Bartholomew the Apostle, 19 E. 2, whereby the Abbat, after reciting the grants made to the house (see Nos. 292, 300 and 314), binds himself and his successors in consideration of the gift of the advowsons of Salherst and Odymere, to find at his own expense two chaplains, monks or seculars, to perform daily service in the Abbey Church for the souls of the said Lord William, Eva his wife, and their heirs and antecessors, excepting on Good Friday and Easter eve; one to celebrate at the altar of the Holy Cross and the other at the altar of St: Giles; and in consideration of the advowson of Mundefeld 1 chaplain to do daily service in the chapel of St: Mary at the abbey gate, excepting on Good Friday and Easter eve; and in consideration of the rents and tenements two chaplains, monks or seculars, to do daily service in the Abbey Church at the altar of martyrs on the right side of the choir, where the bodies of the said lady Eve and of Joan daughter of the said Lord William lie, excepting on Good Friday and Easter eve; all the chaplains to say daily before the altar of martyrs aforesaid, Placebo and Dirige, with the commendation, *i.e.*, on the days customary with the Cistercian Order. If this obligation is not complied with Lord William is empowered to distrain on all the above hereditaments and also on the Abbey manors of Berne, Werthe, Park, and Odyhamme.—*Witnesses:* Lords Godfrey de Walleys, Alan de Bokeselle, Baldewin de Stowe, Giles de Bryamsoun, knights, Richard Wardedieu, Richard de Codyng, William de Lonesford, Henry de Scharndenne, William of Bridge, William de Haremere, Robert Braban, Joceus de Ferne.

Seal the same as to No. 300.

322 William de Echingham knight to the Abbat.

26 Aug. 1325.

Release from the obligation of finding chaplains in respect of the advowsons of Salherst and Odymer till those churches shall be

vacated by the death or resignation of John de Godele or otherwise, and in respect of the advowson of Mundefeld, till they shall be in quiet possession of it. Dated at Robertsbridge, Monday next after the feast of St: Bartholomew the Apostle, 19 E. 2.

– *Seal* the same as to No. 300, but on the reverse the charge on the 2nd shield is clearly marked 'on a chief 2 mullets.'

322* 20 Nov. 1329. John Alard of Mesham to the Abbat of Robertsbridge and others.

Rough draft (partly cancelled) of a confirmation to the Abbat, William de Ore, John Paullyn of Rye, John Paullyn of Nitherchene, and William de Redwasshe of their lands in the marshes of Rammeshorne, Westbrok, Coubrok, and Daunsesmersh, and 1½ acres of land in his marsh for making a fence for the inclosure and preservation of his and their lands, and grant of a sewer called Watergang from Rammeshorne to the sea between the Abbat's land and his own; to hold to them their heirs and assigns for ever: warranty of all the above premises. Dated at La Fochie, 20 Nov: 3 E. 3.—*Witnesses*: Wal . . R:, Robert Allard, Walter Briggel, John and Bartholomew atte Carte, William Couelard, William Hugh:.

Edw. 2. Indorsed is a fair copy of a letter (in French) by John Abbat of Robertsbridge to the Mayor and Barons of Winchelsea. In answer to their letter concerning the claim of debt by the executors of Robert Alard, then late combaron, and by John Vinch their combaron, against Adam Blake and requesting him (the Abbat) to distrain Adam Blake to make him pay the residue of the debt—he tells them that Adam is in a bad case by reason of the part payment which he made, and that he has nothing whereby he can be distrained. So begs to be excused from doing what they ask.

323 26 Jan 1330. John de Passelegh son and heir of Edmund de Passelegh to the Abbey.

Release in fee of 5 solidates of rent and the services the monks were bound to do to his father and himself for their manor of Madresham.—*Witnesses:* Richard Wardedeu, William of Bridge of Robertsbridge, William de Haremere, Robert de Bromhamme,

Thomas de Bokeselle, John de Bokeselle. Dated at London on the morrow of the Conversion of St: Paul, 4 E. 3.

Seal round, $\frac{7}{8}$ inch. In base a crouching beast, in chief 3 (? ears of barley), and legend.

324 6 Aug. 1330. John le Whyte of Rye to the Abbey.

Release of all his right in certain tenements in the vill of Robertsbridge which he had of the gift of Hugh de Yardherst, of which one was formerly Nicholas Osmund's and the other John Otes'.—*Witnesses:* Roger de Sokenersse, John Hervy, Thomas le Hunte, William de Ferregge, Stephen de Tunstalle, Walter Wilde. Dated at Robertsbridge, Monday after the Feast of St: Peter ad Vincula, 4 E. 3.

Seal gone.

325 William de Cobbeford to the Abbey.

Confirmation in frankalmoign of the grants of divers of his ancestors in Chytingelegh and Waldern, and particularly those of his father Roger, and quitclaim of all customs and services whatsoever in respect thereof.—*Witnesses:* Thomas Heringaut, Robert de Clavregg, Peter de Hegyngwerth, John Marescall, Robert de Birche, Thomas le Cober, Geoffrey his brother, Richard atte hok.

Seal round, $\frac{5}{8}$ inch. Two figures half length facing each other, and legend.

326 10 Oct. 1331. Simon de Echyngham brother and heir of Lord William de Echyngham to the Abbey.

Release of all his right in 1 acre of brookland in Salherst, together with the advowsons of Salherst, Odymere, and Mundefeld, all which the monks had of the gift of his brother William, the churches being a prebend in the King's free chapel in his castle of Hastings.—*Witnesses:* John of Ore, William of Robertsbridge, William de Haremere, Joceus de Ferne, John de Bokeselle, Thomas de Bokeselle, William de Berewyk, Simon de Burgham. Dated at the Abbey on the morrow of SS: Dionisius and his companions, 7 E. 3.

Seal round, 1 inch. A shield charged fretty. Legend, 'Sig: Simonis de Echingham.'

327 King Edward to the Abbey.

20 Jan. 1332.

Royal Charter by which after reciting charters Nos. 290 and 292, and that the monks when the license was given them to hold the advowsons of Salhurst, Odymer, and Mundefeld, had omitted to make mention of an acre of land in Salhurst, and had since made fine to him for pardon of the transgression, leave is given them to hold the said acre (valued at 6*d.* by William de Northo his escheator in Kent, Surrey, Sussex, and Middlesex, according to an inquisition made and returned into the Chancery), as part of the 100 librates of land and rent, but subject to the services due to the capital lords of the fee. Tested at York, 20 Jan: 6 E. 3.

Seal, the King's first great seal, as above.

328 Prebend of Salherst.

20 Feb. 1332. York.

Notarial exemplification of a procuratory of this date by which Robert de Tauton appoints Thomas de Stowe, canon of the church of St: Martin the Great, London, and Geoffrey de Clare, clerk, his proctors to prosecute his presentation, institution and induction, to the prebend of Salherst in the King's free chapel of Hastings, to which he had been nominated by Lord William de Echingham the patron. The exemplification is dated 27 Mar. 1333.

329 Prebend of Salhurst.

24 Feb. 1332.

Certificate under the seal of John de Wiggepirie, dean of Battle, that on this date and in the prebendal church of Salhurst, Walter Krips a monk of the Abbey of Robertsbridge appeared as its duly constituted proctor, and then and there exhibited and read an appeal, by which to avert anticipated infringements of its rights in respect of the churches of Salhurst and Odimere which constituted the prebend of the King's free chapel of Hastings, he demanded the protection of the Apostolic see and the court of Canterbury for the Abbey and its adherents: all which was done in the presence of Richard, vicar of Salherst Church, Lord Henry de Stokebrugg, Nicholas Brom, chaplains, William de Stamynden, Henry Lovekot, clerks, Peter Dyn, John de Kingesnode.

Seal oval, 1 inch. A head in profile with shaved crown, above it a han extended. Legend, '. . . . ecani de Bello.'

330 25 Feb. 1332. Thomas son of Lord William Heryngod to William de Stampyndenn of Lamberhurst and Roger Laket of Blechynton next Sefford.

Release of all his right in the tenement of Possingwerth in Walderne, which they purchased of Margaret Heryngod his sister by charter of feoffment.—*Witnesses:* John atte Chaumbre Lord of Benton, William de Cessingham, Richard de Aula, William Bosse of Sefford, Geoffrey atte Brok, Philip de Andlevewyk, William de Berewyk. Dated at Robertsbridge on the Feast of St: Matthias the Apostle, 6 E. 3.

Seal gone.

331 6 Mar. 1332. Prebend of Salhurst.

Notarial copy of letters of this date from the official of the Archdeacon of Lewes to John, Bishop of Chichester, acknowledging the receipt of his mandate directing inquiry into the matter of the prebend held by the late John de Godelee in the King's chapel in the castle of Hastings (which mandate was dated at Ferryngg, 10 Kal: Mar. 1332 and in the 28th year of his consecration), and announcing that in pursuance thereof an inquisition was taken at Hoo, Tuesday next after the feast of St: Matthias the Apostle, 1332, in full chapter in the church there by William Rector of Warbleton, William Rector of Mundefeld, John Rector of Idenne, Stephen Rector of Cattesfeld, John Rector of Beckele, Peter Rector of Playdenne, John Rector of Watlyngton, Thomas Vicar of Ticheshurst, Robert Vicar of Bourghersh, John Vicar of Pesemershe, and Thomas Vicar of Hoo, who found as follows, viz: that the prebend held by John de Godelee called Salehurst and Odymer in the King's chapel of Hastings is not vacant because it is filled by the Abbat and Convent of Robertsbridge, who have the prebend appropriated to them: whether John in his lifetime held any other prebend in the chapel the inquisition is silent; that the Abbat and convent are the true patrons and possessors of the prebend which John de Godelee held during his life, that William de Echyngham last presented to it, that the life and morals of the party presented are praiseworthy, that he is in priest's orders, it is believed, and has a benefice elsewhere.

332 Prebend of Salhurst.

19 May, 1332.

Notarial certificate that on this date, and in the presence of the notary and of Richard vicar of Salehurst, Walter the said vicar's chaplain, William Jevene rector of Mundefeld, Symon rector of St: James's chapel next Seford, William atte Hese, Nicholas de Brome, and Richard de Ouera, chaplains, William Berewyk, John Curtays, John de Stamyngdene, and Robert Wogge, parishioners of Salhurst, there presented themselves in the porch of the prebendal church of Salehurst, William of Wynchelsee and Walter Crips, monks of Robertsbridge, and Richard Clappe rector of Westdene next Seford, as proctors for the Abbat John and his convent of Robertsbridge under a procuratory dated 15 Kal: Jun. 1332; that they there constituted Ralph de Vesci their mouthpiece, and that Ralph read a protest which is given at length, and which states—that the prebend of the King's free chapel whose revenues consisted of the tithes of Salehurst and Odimere was appropriated to the Abbey by Pope Clement V. with the consent of William de Echyngham then patron and confirmation of King Edward; that it was then provided that, upon a vacancy by resignation or death, the monks should enter into possession of the prebendal church and its revenues, the consent of the ordinary being first obtained; that the appropriation to the said prebend had been formally published in the diocese of Chichester, and that there was a public report of the death of John de Godelee; that Richard Clappe therefore, in the name of himself and his co-proctors took corporal possession of the prebend for the monks, protesting at the same time, that if it should ever appear that it was really not vacant but full and provided for by John de Godelee, he would give up possession on behalf of the monks without further dispute or difficulty.

333 King Edward to the Abbey.

26 Nov. 1332.

Royal Charter reciting charters Nos. 290 and 292, and granting that in consideration of the fine the Abbat has made him, he and his convent may appropriate and hold the churches of Salhurst, Odymere, and Mundifeld, to their own uses notwithstanding they are a prebend in his free chapel of Hastings, saving to the chapel in all things its rights. Dated at Knaresburgh 26 Nov: 6 E. 3.

Seal. The King's first great seal as engraved in Sandford's 'Genealogical History,' p. 123.

334 King Edward to the Abbey.

26 Nov. 1332.

Royal Charter identical with No. 333, and having the same seal.

335 Margaret, daughter of Lord William Heryngod, knight, to William de Stampyndenn of Lamberhurst and Roger Laket of Blachynton next Sefford.

18 Jan. 1333.

Grant of all the tenement in Walderne called Posyngwerth, which she had of the gift and feoffment of William her father and Margery her mother, with the homages, heriots, reliefs, escheats, &c. Also 4 solidates, $5\frac{1}{4}$ denariates of rent issuing out of the tenement at Watere which John de Meryham holds of her; subject to the services due in respect thereof to the capital lords of the fee. Dated at Posingwerth, in the chair of St: Peter the Apostle, 6 E. 3.—*Witnesses:* Lord Nicholas de Beche and Andrew de Mested, knights, Andrew Peverel, Andrew Maufee, Robert de Clavregg, Robert de Burche, William de Garlaund, Peter de Wylegh, Peter de Heggyngwerth, Thomas le Coker, Geoffrey le Coker, Richard atte Hok.

Seal gone.

336 Margaret Heryngod to William de Stampyndenn and Roger Laket.

18 Jan. 1333.

This document is identical with the preceding.

Seal oval, 2 inches. A long-necked bird with wings displayed, its tail in form like a fish bone. Legend, 'S: Mar . . . . Har . . god.'

337 Salhurst Prebend.

27 Mar. 1333.

Notarial certificate under the hand of Walter Gest of Ideshale, public notary, that on this date, at Bysshopeston the manor of John Bishop of Chichester, in his presence, and that of Master John de Aumble, public notary, William de Brunneby, Geoffrey de Sydlesham, Robert de Aumble chaplain, Henry de Midhurst and John de Ferryngg, clerks of the bishop's household, presented himself, Master Geoffrey de Clare, as proctor of Robert de Tauton by virtue of a procuratory (see No. 328) which was thereupon read, that the said Master Geoffrey then exhibited certain letters to the

Bishop of Chichester from the official of the Archdeacon of Lewes (see No. 331), and having read them demanded that Robert de Tauton should be admitted to the said prebend, and that the bishop replied that the inquisition showed that the Abbat and Convent of Robertsbridge were patrons and possessors of the prebend, that by them it was full and not vacant, and therefore he could not be admitted.

338 William de Stamyndenn of Lamberherst to Roger Laket of Blachynton.

26 Aug. 1333.

Release of all his right in the tenement of Posyngwerthe in Walderne, which he had of the gift and feoffment of Margaret daughter of Lord William Haryngod, knight.—*Witnesses:* Joceus de Ferne, Simon de Ferne his son, Elfer Fogheling, William de Berwyk, Thomas de Bokesell, John de Stamyndenn, Robert Wogge. Dated at Robertsbridge Thursday next after the feast of St: Bartholomew, 7 E. 3.

Seal round, $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. Device?

339 King Edward to the Abbey.

6 Nov. 1333.

Royal Charter reciting that of his father and his own previous ones, and extending the license thereby given so that the abbat and his successors may be admitted by the dean, or custos, and chapter of the Free Chapel of Hastings as canon and brother, and have a stall in the choir there, and a place in the chapter. Tested at Chilterne 6 Nov: 7 E. 3.

Seal. His first great seal as before.

340 Stephen Loveras to William de Stamyndenne of Lamberhurst and Roger Laket of Blachyntone next Seford.

14 Feb. 1334.

Release of all his right in the lands and tenements called Posyngeworthe in Walderne.—*Witnesses:* John de Winterbourne, John de Shirfeld, John Whiton, John Payne, John de Scoteneye. Dated at Tydderle, Monday, St: Valentine's day, 8 E. 3.

Seal gone.

341 24 Feb. 1334. Thomas Haryngod, son and heir of John Haryngod knight, to William de Stampyndenn of Lamberherst and Roger Laket of Blechynton.

Release of all his right in the tenement of Posyngewerthe in Walderne and in 4 solidates and $5\frac{1}{4}$ denariates of rent paid by John Meryham in respect of his tenement at Watere in the same vill; all which William and Roger had purchased of Margaret daughter of Lord William Haryngod. Warranty against Alice daughter and heir of the body of, and Thomas son of, the said Lord William.—*Witnesses:* William de Cessyngeham, Master Andrew Maufee, Henry Maufee, William de Garlaund, John de Perchyngg, Robert de Clavregg, Peter de Haggyngewerth, Geoffrey le Coker, John de Sutton, John atte Doune, John de Sutton, junior. Dated at Robertsbridge the day of St: Matthias the Apostle, 8 E. 3.

Seal gone.

342 14 June, 1334. Thomas Haryngod, son and heir of John Haryngod, to Roger Laket of Blechinton.

Release of all his right in the tenement of Posyngewerthe in Walderne and in 4 solidates and $5\frac{1}{4}$ denariates of rent issuing out of the tenement at Watere. Warranty as in No. 341.—*Witnesses:* William de Cessyngeham, John le Mareschal, William de Garlaund, Philip de Endelevewyk, Geoffrey le Coker, John de Sutton, John atte Doune, John de Sutton junior, Richard atte Hoke, Peter de Haggyngewerth. Dated at Robertsbridge Tuesday next after the feast of St: Barnabas the Apostle, 8 E. 3.

Seal round, $\frac{7}{8}$ inch. Within a gothic border a shield with heraldic bearing. Legend, ...

343 13 Jan. 1335. The Abbat of Robertsbridge and Geoffrey Cade.

St: Hilary's day, 8 E. 3. Demise to Geoffrey for 40 years from this date of a tenement in the vill of Rye, with the quay (*Caya*) and all the appurtenances, at the rent of 10*s.* a year; Geoffrey to uphold the tenement at his own expense, and the Abbat the quay, and the latter to do the services due to the community of the said

vill. — *Witnesses:* Robert Marchaunt, James Marchaunt his brother, John Paulyn, John Aumbereys, Simon Meresey, John Hesoghel, John de Courthope.

Seal gone.

344 16 Feb. 1334. Peter de Jocallis Prior of St: Pancras Monastery, Lewes, to Roger Laket.

License to give to the Abbey of Robertsbridge the lands and tenements, together with the rent and service of John de Meriham, which he held of the Priory in capite at Posingewerthe in Walderne. The Abbey to hold the same of the Priory subject to the accustomed services, viz. 10*s.* yearly rent, suit of court at Lewes or Horsted every 3 weeks, heriot on the death of every tenant, and relief: all which the Abbat agrees on behalf of his house to perform. Dated, in the Chapter of the Priory, 16 Feb. 1334, the beginning of 9 E. 3.

The *seal* (which is that of the Chapter) is imperfect: it represents the martyrdom of St: Pancras by a Roman soldier, and may be seen engraved in Suss: Arch: Collns: ii. 19, but the helmet of the soldier is there incorrectly drawn.

345 30 Mar. 1335. Roger Laket of Blechynton next Sefford to the Abbey.

Grant of all the tenement in Walderne called Posyngwerth which he had of the gift of Margaret daughter of Lord William Heryngod, together with the rents, homages, heriots, reliefs, escheats, &c. Also of 4 solidates and $5\frac{1}{2}$ denariates of rent issuing out of a tenement held of him by John de Meryham at Watere in Walderne. To hold of the capital lords of the fee subject to the services due in respect thereof. Dated at Posyngwerth, Thursday next after the feast of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary, 9 E. 3. — *Witnesses:* Lord Andrew Peverel, Nicholas de Beche, and Andrew de Medstede, knights, Andrew Maufee, Henry Maufee, William Cessyngham, Robert de Clavregge, William de Garlaund, Peter de Wylegh, Peter de Hegyngwerth, Geoffrey le Coker, Richard atte Hoke.

Seal round, $1\frac{3}{8}$ inch. A galley, the mast of which is between a star and a crescent. Legend, 'S: Rogeri Lacat.'

346 King Edward to Roger Laket and the Abbey.

1 May, 1335.

Royal charter licensing Roger to grant and the Abbey to hold as part of the 100 librates of land and rent mentioned in the charter of K. E. 2 (see No. 290), a messuage and carucate of land and 4 solidates and $5\frac{1}{4}$ denariates of rent in Walderne, not held of himself, and worth, as to the messuage and land, 26*s.* $9\frac{3}{4}$*d.* a year according to a valuation made by William de Northo the escheator for the counties of Surrey, Sussex, Kent and Middlesex, and returned into the Chancery; the whole to be reckoned as worth 40*s.* a year. Tested at Clipstone, 1 May, 9 E. 3.

Seal, the King's first great seal, as before.

347 King Edward to Roger Laket and the Abbey.

1 May, 1335.

Royal charter, identical with the last and having the same seal.

348 Roger Laket of Blechyngton next Sefford to the Abbey.

24 June, 1335.

This document is identical with No. 345, and has the same witnesses and seal, but is dated Saturday, the feast of St: John the Baptist, 9 E. 3.

349 John de Beterinden to Margery widow of John le Hunte and William her son.

21 Sept. 1335.

Release of all his right in the lands which he had by demise of Margery in the vill of Salhurst. Dated Thursday, the feast of St: Matthew, 9 E. 3.—*Witnesses:* Thomas de Wynekehame, Alan Meiner, John his brother, William Palmere, Roger de Aldrinde, William le Yonghe, Thomas de Cungherst.

Seal round, $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. Device?

350 William Pyrieman to Robert Somer.

26 Sept. 1335.

Grant in fee of a rod of land adjoining land of Stephen Meltsop west and east, land of Robert Salomon south, and the garden of the said Robert Somer north: to hold of the lords of the fee by the services due in respect thereof. Dated at Chydyngstane, Tuesday

next before Michaelmas, 9 E. 3.—*Witnesses:* Robert and George Cubbel, William Cubbel, John Mallingh, Robert son of John Cubbel, Stephen Meltsop, John de Polle, clerk.

Seal round, $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. Device and legend ?

351 Odimere Church.

12 Aug. 1336.

Notarial certificate by Henry de Colecestre of the diocese of London, public notary, that on this date, in his presence and in that of Thomas rector of the church of St: Vedast, London, John Joce, clerk, and other witnesses, in the cathedral church of St: Paul's, London, came Simon de Maydestan, a monk of Robertsbridge, as proctor for John the Abbat and his convent under a procuratory dated in their chapter 10 kal: Jan: 1334, and openly exhibited in writing before the venerable Adam Merimouth, official of the court of Canterbury, certain petitions and appeal to the apostolic see and that court, swearing that neither the Abbat nor himself till the 4th of August had knowledge of the charges noticed in the appeal and showing that all diligence had been used to discover Nicholas Paulyn and Paul Marchaunt of Rye, the party appealed that they might be notified thereof, but that nothing had been heard of them 10 days after the notice ; that he then gave up the documents to the official, desiring him to give his decision in the absence of Nicholas and Paul. That the official took the appeal in his hands and pronounced the notice sufficient ; the contents of which document were to the effect that the monks were canonically possessed of the parish church of Odemere, and had always quietly enjoyed the same, and with it the tithes issuing from the new marsh next the manor of Levelesham within the said parish or tythings thereof ; that having good reason to expect injury in respect of the same, they had appealed to the apostolic see and the court of Canterbury ; that Nicholas and Paul had nevertheless despoiled them of the tithes, and that therefore they renewed their appeal.

352 John son and heir of Thomas Berteline to the Abbey.

8 July, 1337.

Release in fee of all his right in the lands and tenements in Walderne called Daunlee, of which Thomas his father died seized : to hold of the capital lords of the fee by the services due in respect thereof.—*Witnesses:* Lord Andrew Peverel, knight, Thomas

Heryngaud, William de Cessyngehame, Robert de Clavregge, Philip de Endlevewyke, William de Garlonde, William Erch, Geoffrey Coker, John atte Doune, James Erch, Thomas de Prestone. Dated at Robertsbridge, Tuesday next after the Feast of the Translation of St: Thomas the Martyr, 11 E. 3.

Seal round, $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. Device and legend ?

353 19 Aug. 1337. **Petronull Celfissh daughter of John Celfissh to the Abbey.**

Release of all her right in a field called Fairefeld next the vill of Robertsbridge in the parish of Salherst. Dated at Robertsbridge, 14 Kal: Sep: 11 E. 3.—*Witnesses:* William de Berewyk, Thomas de Bokeselle, Joceus de Ferne, William de Hukstepe, William de Ferregge, Roger le Wyse.

Seal round and small. Device?

354 25 April, 1340. **John Abbat of Robertsbridge to Robert Allard son of Robert Alard of Wynchelese.**

Grant of a plat (*platiam*) of land in the vill of Rye (the bounds of which are set out in a charter of James son of Gervase Alard) in the Abbat's possession; subject to a yearly rent of 2*s*., the services due to the King, and all scot and lot (*scotia et lhotia*) due to the community of the said vill. Dated at the Abbey on the day of St: Mark the Evangelist, 14 E. 3.—*Witnesses:* Thomas atte Nasse then Mayor of Rye, John Paullyn, Robert Marchant, Paul Marchant, Stephen Russel, Simon Merseye, Nicholas Paulyn, John Dykes.

Seal gone.

355 31 May, 1343. **John son and heir of John Faber of Coubrugg to Philip Terry of Coytis.**

Grant of 7 acres of land which his father held in the demesne of Coytis, as they lie together in one parcel in the western part of Penchoit, and which Lord Gilbert de Turberville with the consent of Matilda his wife formerly gave to John Mapseis; to hold together with the easements comprised in the said Gilbert's charter to Philip

and his heirs of the capital lords of the fee by the services due in respect thereof.—*Witnesses:* John Deneys, John de Cantelo, William Deneys, Robert Nichol, John le Spenser. Dated at Coytis the last day of May, 17 E. 3.

Seal round, $\frac{7}{8}$ inch. Five feathery leaves in the form of a star. Legend, 'S: Johis Smith.'

356 1 Nov. 1343. **King Edward to the Abbey.**

Royal Charter reciting Nos. 292, 333 and 339, and the legal proceedings taken against the monks under a writ of Quare impedit, (see No. 359,) pardoning their transgressions and licensing them to hold the 2 carucates of land, advowson of the prebend, advowsons of the churches of Salhurst and Odymere, and of the church or chapel of Mundefeld, and the advowsons of the vicarages of Salhurst and Odymere, and in right of the said prebend to have their vicar and all other privileges in the chapel the same as other prebendaries. Tested at Ditton, 1 Nov. in the year of his reign 17th of England and 4th of France.

Seal (more than a quarter gone) the great seal of England as engraved in 'Sandford's History,' p. 124.

357 1 Dec. 1343. **King Edward to the Custos of the Free Chapel of Hastings or to the Deans and Custodians thereof.**

Letters patent reciting certain royal charters to the Abbey of Robertsbridge, and directing that the Abbat and his successors be allowed to have their vicar in the chapel in right of their prebend the same as other prebendaries and canons have, and that the said vicar be allowed the same advantages and emoluments as the other vicars have. Tested at Westminster, 1 Dec: in the year of his reign 17th of England and 4th of France.

Seal imperfect, the great seal of England, the same as to No. 356.

358 21 Feb. $134\frac{3}{4}$. **Salhurst Prebend.**

Notification by Walter de Lindregg, custos of the free chapel in the King's Castle of Hastings, that he has received a mandate from the King (recited at length), tested at Westminster, 1 Dec: 17 E. 3, stating that by reason of a certain recent collation to the prebend

of Salhurst, a cause was pending in the King's bench against the Abbat and Convent of Robertsbridge under a writ of Quare impedit in which it was alleged that there was no mention in the letters patent of the acquisition of the advowson of the said prebend and 2 carucates of land with which it was endowed, and that the said advowson was held of the King and could be held of no one else; and then proceeding to pardon the Abbat for acquiring the said advowson and 2 carucates and licensing him and his successors to hold the same, and also to have their vicar as other prebendaries and canons of the same and other prebends in the chapel had hitherto had, and granting that such vicar should enjoy the emoluments attached to the office the same as the vicars of the other prebendaries and canons did, and commanding him the said custos and the deans of the chapel to admit the said Abbat and his successors to the enjoyment of the above privileges. That in obedience to this mandate on a certain day he caused the prebendaries and canons to be summoned to the chapel and then and there, after the mandate had been read and considered, by common consent granted to the Abbat and his successors that they might enjoy all the above privileges, and should be quit of all expense for the support of such vicar, &c. Dated in their chapter at Hastings 9 Kal: Mar. 1343, 18 E. 3.

Seal oval, $2\frac{7}{8}$ inches, in good preservation. B. V. M. in profile seated on a throne, holding in her right hand a model of a church and in her left a sceptre headed with a fleur-de-lys. Legend, 'Sigill: Commune Ecce Sancte Marie d'Hastinge.' It is engraved in Suss: Arch: Coll: xiii. p. 133.

359 13 Oct. 1344. John Wade, dean of the King's Free Chapel in the Castle of Hastings, to the Abbey.

Inspeximus and confirmation, under the seal of the dean and chapter, dated in their Chapter of Hastings, 3 Id: Oct. 1344, 18 E. 3, of letters of the Reverend Walter de Lindregg, custos of the free chapel (see No. 358), sealed with his seal and testifying that in obedience to the King's mandate (see No. 357), and which is set out at length, he had summoned the prebendaries and canons, and with their consent had approved and confirmed the mandate, and granted that the vicars of the Abbat and his successors should have their commons and stipends the same as other vicars, free of expense to the Abbey; but if the chapel should be washed away

by the sea or otherwise devastated, or the accustomed oblations should fail, that then the Abbat should assist in repairing the fabric and supporting the vicar; these letters are dated 9 Kal: Mar. 1343.

Seal the same as to No. 358.

360 King Edward to the Abbat.

5 Nov. 1348.

Royal Charter promising that the grant of sustenance for life made by the Abbat (whose Abbey is not held of the King in capite) to his valet Richard Vigerous, the same as Thomas Breton had whilst he lived, should not be made use of as a precedent. Tested at Sandwich 5 Nov. in the year of his reign 22nd of England and 9th of France.

Seal, nearly perfect, the great seal of England, being the seal of absence, engraved in No. 31 of the 'Journal of the Archæological Institute.'

361 Ralph de Poling to William Testard, vicar of Westangmering, Matthew le Want, chaplain, and John atte Huche.

16 May, 1349.

Grant of a messuage and 5 acres of land in Westprestone in the parish of Rustyngton which had descended to him as an escheat on the death of John son of Walter Bedenye, and an acre of land lying in middelfeld in the parish of Rustyngton which descended to him as an escheat on the death of John of Rustyngton; all to be held of the capital lords of the fee by the services due in respect thereof.—*Witnesses:* William de Prestone, Elias de Clympesfolde, John Rychulle, Thomas Wodelande, John de Threele. Dated at Estpreston, Saturday next after the feast of St: Pancras, 23 E. 3.

Seal round, $\frac{7}{8}$ inch. On an eagle displayed a shield charged with a bend; all within a legend, illegible.

362 William de Echingham, knight, son and heir of James de Echingham, knight, and the Abbey.

11 Sept. 1356.

Agreement by which William releases the Abbat and his successors from finding 2 chaplains for the chapel formerly built in the vill of Robertsbridge and providing them with food; but the Abbat is to

remain bound to find 5 chaplains to do daily services and say *Placebo* and *Dirige* with commendation in the Abbey according to the tenor of an agreement made between him and William de Echingham antecessor of the said William, but the said William and his heirs are not to be prevented by that agreement from presenting a fit parson to the Abbat when the time arrives, as provided by an agreement between the Abbat and Simon de Echingham. Dated at Salherst, Sunday next after the Feast of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary, 30 E. 3.

Seal round, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch. Within a triangular gothic design a shield fretty. Legend, '. . . gillum W . . . de Echi . . . . . '

363 2 Oct. 1357. **Adam Abbat of Robertsbridge to Simon atte Bergh: and Isabel his wife and Thomas and John their sons.**

Grant to Simon and Isabel, Thomas and John of 10 acres of land newly assarted on his hill ground at Posingwerth, lying between Breitesdyk on the west and the king's highway leading from Waldern to Dodeslonde on the east : to hold to them and the heirs of the body of Simon subject to the yearly rent of 10*d.*, heriot of 3*s.* 4*d.*, and relief, and 2 suits of court at Posingwerth, viz: at those held next after Michaelmas and Easter respectively. Remainder to John atte Bergh: brother of the said John (*sic*) and the heirs of his body. Remainder to the abbat and his successors. Dated at Waldern, Monday after Michaelmas day, 31 E. 3.—*Witnesses:* Richard Prestele, Edmund atte Fryth, Richard Coudon, Robert Dodeslonde, William Merpham, William Castelayn.

Seal round, $\frac{7}{8}$ inch. A squirrel sejeant. Legend, 'I crare rotis gode.'

364 29 Sept. 1270. **The Abbey of Robertsbridge and John son of Gervase Andrews.**

Convention by which John releases to the Abbey his land in Ywerste called Eglinton, with the homages, services, rents, escheats, &c., being the land his father bought of Herbert de Borgherse and the services of which Reginald son of the said Herbert sold to the Abbey. A rent of 4*s.* is reserved and a power of distress on the Abbey's chattels and villeins at Winchelese and Rye. Dated Michaelmas, 1270.—*Witnesses:* Lord William de Echingeham, Mathias of Hastings, John Moyn, William de Northye, knights,

Stephen de Gocele, Robert le Hore, Thomas de Padyham, Henry Alard, Reginald his brother, John Rogers, Geoffrey Elyas.

Seal round, 1¼ inch. A star formed of 4 leaves and 4 swords. Legend, 'S: Johs: fil: Jervasii An:.'

365 Stephen Andrew of Rye to the Abbey.

27 Sept. 1359.

Release of all his right in the lands and tenements known as Eglinton or Andrewesland, together with a rent of 4 marks issuing thereout. Dated at Robertsbridge, Friday next after the feast of St: Matthew the Apostle, 33 E. 3.

Seal oval, ⅞ inch. An old man's face, and legend.

366 The Abbey of Robertsbridge and Stephen Andrew of Rye.

30 Sept. 1359.

Grant to Stephen heir of John son of Gervase Andrews, in consideration of his release of a rent of 4 marks (claimed by him of the Abbey under the terms of the said John's charter to them, but alleged by the Abbey to have been payable only during the said John's life), of a rent of 40*s.* during the lives of himself and his wife Joan, and after their death of 26*s.* to his heirs, out of the manor of Fodiland and lands called Eglinton or Andrewesland, with power of distress. Dated at Robertsbridge, Monday next after Michaelmas day, 1359.—*Witnesses:* William de Echingham, knight, John de Ore, William de Haldenn, Robert Arnald, Vincent Fynch, William Taillor.

Seal oval, ⅞ inch. An old man's face, and legend.

367 The Abbey and Stephen Andrew.

Memorandum concerning the 4 marks rent; that it was paid to John son of Gervase and his heirs from 1270 to 1357, when Stephen heir of the said John harshly distrained for it, that the Abbat then referred to the charter and came to the conclusion that the rent was only payable to Stephen and not to his heirs; that the difference continued from Christmas, 1356, to the Thursday before the Nativity of the Blessed Mary, 1359, on which date a concord was

made at Ikelesham; the arrears amounting to £6 8*s.* 4*d.*, are released to the Abbey, and Stephen receives a pipe of wine. This was done whilst Adam Wyse was Abbat.

368 King Edward and the Abbey.

20 Feb. 1360.

Exemplification tested at Westminster by Gervase de Wilford 20 Feb: 34 E. 3, of the process of a record amongst the memoranda of the Exchequer of Hillary term, 19 E. 2, as follows: The king by writ under the great seal of the 17th year of his reign, after reciting that the Abbat had exhibited charters to show that he had always held his lands and tenements in frankalmoign and free from aid towards the marriage of the eldest daughter of the late king, but that the sheriff of those counties had distrained for an aid of this kind, commands the treasurer and barons of the Exchequer to inspect the said charters, and if they confirm his statement, to order the sheriffs to remove the distress: this writ is tested at Ravenesdale, 26 Nov: 17 E. 2 (1323.) The Abbat then comes and complains that the sheriff of Sussex has distrained for 50*s.* in his manor of Sutton in the Rape of Pevenesye and the sheriff of Kent for 30*s.* in his manor of Lamberhurst in that county, unjustly, because he held his lands in frankalmoign under charters confirmed by King Henry, this king's grandfather, and quit of all aids of this kind. The Abbat produces a charter of Cecily de Avrenchis widow, witnessed by William Earl Warenne, William third Earl of Sussex, Gilebert de Aquila, Simon de Echingeham, William his son, William de Munceaus, Richard de Cumbe, William Gulafre, Walter de Denne, Reginald Giffart, Robert son of Alan, and Helyas Foleht, granting to the Abbey, with the assent of William her son and heir, out of her marriage portion in Sutton next Seford her capital messuage demesnes and pasturages belonging to this manor and 9½ acres of meadow also belonging thereto and a denne called Omble, with all customs and liberties appurtenant to the manor, to hold in frankalmoign. He then produces a charter of Robert de Crevequer heir of Lord Hamo de Crevequer, witnessed by Lord Fulco Paiferer, Lord Mathias de Hastings, Lord William de Northye, Lord Ralph de Eteringeden, Lord John Mowyne, Lord John de Suane, Walter clerk of Wynchenese, Richard Glindel, Richard de Legh, John de Kechenore, William de Snelham, and Hugh de Chodinge, confirm-

ing to the monks all the lands and tenements they hold of his fee in the parish of Lamberhurst, with the rents, services, customs, liberties, &c., to hold in frankalmoign. Also a confirmation charter of King Henry (3rd) set out at length (see No. 152), and a charter of King Edward (1st) tested at Westminster, 10 June, 21 E. 1, by which, after reciting that homage had been done him by Mainard late Abbat in respect of the manor he held of him in Lamberhurst, which is of the barony of Ledes, and of which barony Robert de Crevequer had enfeoffed him and his late consort Alianor in fee, he releases the said homage to Abbat Thomas inasmuch as it had been found that the Abbey had held the manor of the said Robert in frankalmoign, so that no homage was due. And the Abbat seeks to be relieved from the exaction of the aid. And the records are searched, and it is found that 50*s.* are demanded in respect of 2 fees of Morteyn in Sutton in the Rape of Pavenesye, as appears from the great roll of 16 (E. 2), Sussex, and the great roll of the third year, in the roll of compotuses, in the compotus of John Herneys sheriff of Sussex and his companions late collectors of the aid for Sussex, &c. : and that 30*s.* are demanded in respect of lands in Kent, viz. 20*s.* for half a fee in Lamberhurst in the hundred of Brenchesle, and 10*s.* for $\frac{1}{4}$ of a fee in the hundred of Rolfnyndenne, as appears from the great roll of 18 (E. 2), Kent and the great roll of the third year, in the roll of compotuses, in the compotus of Henry de Cobham late sheriff of Kent and his companions late collectors of the aid for Kent, &c. And as to all the lands in the hundred of Rolfnyndenne, the Abbat says that he and his predecessors have always held them of the manor of Lamberherst, and that they held this manor at the time of the confirmations by Kings Henry and Edward as also now in frankalmoign. And inquisition is directed to be taken whether the Abbat's predecessors held the manor of Lamberherst at the date of King Henry's confirmation charter, viz: 8 June, 37 H. 3, and whether the tenements which the present Abbat holds in the hundred of Rolfnyndenne were at that date and since held of that manor, and if so, whether the Abbat or his predecessors after that date altered their estate with regard to the tenement he holds in that manor or the tenement he holds in the said manor of Sutton, or whether they possessed by purchase or otherwise any tenements in the said manors in the said 18th year of K. E. 1, in which year the aid was granted, or any since other than those they held at that date. And the sheriff of Sussex is

required to bring before the barons here in 3 weeks of Easter 18 knights, &c. of the venue of Sutton, and the sheriff of Kent on the same day 18 knights, &c. of the venue of Lamberherst, or before any one of the barons of the Exchequer if he shall previously come into those parts, &c. And the same day is given to the Abbat, and meanwhile respite is given him of the said demands. On which day comes the said Abbat, and inquest comes of the county of Sussex by Geoffrey atte Broke and others, as appears in the panel of the said inquisition preserved amongst the king's writs of this year. And the jurors say on their oaths that neither the Abbat nor his predecessors held any lands or tenements in Sutton 18 E. 1, or since, other than those his predecessors held there of the gift of Cecily de Avrenchis on the said 8th of June, 37 H. 3, and have never altered their estate, &c. And inquest comes of the county of Kent by Alexander atte Bourus and his companions, &c., and the jurors say on their oaths that the Abbat's predecessors held the manor of Lamberhurst on the said 8th day of June, and that all the tenements he has or his predecessors had in the said 18th year in the hundred of Rolfnyndenne are, and on the said 8th day were, of the manor and within the parish of Lamberhurst, and that they have never changed their estate with regard thereto. And that neither the present Abbat holds nor his predecessors held in the said 18th year any tenements there other than those which now are, and on the said 8th day of June were, of the manor and in the parish of Lamberhurst. It is therefore decided that the Abbat shall be exonerated from the said aid.

Seal only a fragment. The king on horseback, his shield and the horse's trappings charged with 3 lions passant guardant. Legend, . . . Reverse : Within a Gothic design a shield of arms as above. Legend, ...

369 9 May, 1361. Ralph de Harmere, son of William de Harmere of the parish of Salhurst, to the Abbey.

Release of a yearly rent of 2*s*., which he acquired of William de Fynhagh, of the parish of Whatlington, as appears by his charter. Dated at Robertsbridge, Sunday next after the feast of St : John the Evangelist ad Portam Latinam, 35 E. 3.

Device and legend ?

370 [*Copies of Charters.*]

Adam de Cobeford to Rikeward son of Osmund.

Confirmation of 3 acres of his land in the field called Botyngeland at Hetheford, next the high road, and lying at the west end of the same field; to hold in fee subject to the yearly rent of 12*d.* for all service; consideration money 18*d.*—*Witnesses:* John de Posyngworth, Andrew de Mich:, Walter Roger, John Friled, Henry Messey, Geoffrey de Runter, Ralph de Runter, Thomas Colebrener, William de Prestele, Robert son of the priest, Simon de Runter, Luke Walewerd.

Adam Abbat of Robertsbridge to William son of John atte Forde.

22 Sept. 1361. Confirmation of a tenement of 3 acres of land and a garden in Waldern, which he had purchased of William atte Gate of Chytingelegh; to hold of him and his successors as capital lords of the fee by the services due in respect thereof. Dated at Robertsbridge the morrow of St: Matthew the Apostle, 35 E. 3.—*Witnesses:* Robert de Clavregg, Thomas de Hyham, Edmund atte Fryth, Simon atte Grove, John atte Grove, Richard Creppe. And John atte Forde, father of the said William, puts his seal to this copy in testimony. Dated at Robertsbridge monastery, Saturday the feast of St: Edmund King and Martyr, 35 E. 3 (20 Nov: 1361).—*Witnesses:* William de Posyngwerth, John Godreve, John de Elham, John de Hidenye, in the Abbat's chamber.

371 ## Giles Abbat of Robertsbridge to William called Meydekyn junior, son of Nicholas Meydekyn.

Grant for life of $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land in la Eldelonde in the parish of Promhelle, subject to the yearly rent of 5*s.* payable at the Abbey's grange of Promhelle (bounds given).—*Witnesses:* Robert Willem, Lovekot Thomas, Henry Thomas, Thomas de Santherst, Geoffrey Swart, Richard Meydekyn.

Seal gone.

372 Edward Dalyngeregge, knight, Lord of Bodyhame, to the Monks.

26 March, 1383.

Confirmation of the grant made them 4 E. 1 of the homage and service of John de Wybbele with his tenement (see No. 257), and release in the presence of John Cresseferde the then tenant of all his rights therein excepting scutage, castleguard, and justicesyeld.—*Witnesses:* Robert Echyngehame, John Edward, William Beteryndenne, John Padyhame, John Pieres. Dated at Bodyhame, Thursday in Easter week, 6 R. 2.

Seal, only a small fragment remaining.

373 James son of Stephen Andrew of Rye to William Abbat of Robertsbridge.

20 April, 1391.

Release of a yearly rent of *26s. 8d.* issuing out of a manor of the Abbey called Fodelonde for the next 7 years, in consideration of a sum of money paid into his hands.—*Witnesses:* Ralph rector of the church of Iwherst, Richard Meriweither chaplain, John Conver, William Whyton, Robert atte Cherche. Dated Thursday next before the feast of St: George, 14 R. 2.

Two *Seals* :—
1. Gone.
2. Round. Device?

374 Robert Fletcher and Richard Cousterve of Ewherst to John Abbat of Robertsbridge.

1 March, 1410.

Grant in fee of 26 solidates and 8 denariates of yearly rent, payable by the Abbat in respect of the lands and tenements rents and services in Ewherst called Eglynton or Andrewyslonde, and which rent, *inter alia*, the grantors together with Robert de Heelde of Brede (since dead) lately acquired of James son of Stephen Andrew, and release of all their right in the same. Dated 1 Mar: 11 H. 4.

Seals :—
1. Imperfect.
2. Round, ½ inch. A monogram.

375 John Abbat of Robertsbridge to Robert Bokesell senior and Joane his wife of the parish of Salehurst.

Grant of 2 acres of land in a field at Salehurst, called Parsonsfelde, adjoining on the south a road leading from the vicar's tenement to Bodyham, and on the east a road leading from Street to a spring called Parsoneswell; to hold to Robert and his wife and the lawful heirs of their bodies by the service of 12*d.* yearly, 2 suits of court at his rectory of Salhurst, heriot, and relief of 12*d.* on the death of every tenant; remainder to John bastard son of Robert and the lawful heirs of his body; remainder to Thomas brother of the said John and the lawful heirs of his body; remainder to Elen daughter of the said Robert senior and the lawful heirs of her body; remainder to Robert Bokesell the younger and the lawful heirs of his body; remainder to the Abbat and his successors. Dated in the Chapterhouse, Thursday next after the feast of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary, 1 H. 5.—*Witnesses:* Thomas Bokesell, Robert Carstrete, Robert Braban, Henry Westeborne, Robert atte Reed.

Seal unimportant.

376 Thomas Abbat of Robertsbridge to Thomas Yarrad and Beatrice his wife of the parish of Salehurst.

5 Jan. 1427.

Grant of 2 acres of land, &c. (being the same as comprised in No. 375) in Salhurst; to hold to Thomas and Beatrice and the lawful heirs of their bodies by the services, &c. (see No. 375); remainder to William their son and the lawful heirs of his body; remainder to Robert brother of William and the lawful heirs of his body; remainder to Johane daughter of the said Thomas and the lawful heirs of her body; remainder to Isabell sister of Johane and the lawful heirs of her body; remainder to Helena sister of Isabell and the lawful heirs of her body; remainder to Katherine sister of Helena and the lawful heirs of her body; remainder to Petronill sister of Katherine and the lawful heirs of her body; remainder to Anne sister of Petronill and the lawful heirs of her body; remainder to Thomasine sister of Anne and the lawful heirs of her body; remainder to the Abbat and his successors. Dated in the Chapterhouse, Friday next before the feast of the Epiphany, 18 H. 8.

Two small *seals* attached.

377 22 Jan. 1419. John Abbat of Robertsbridge to Adam Ywode and John Stevenes.

Grant in fee of the land called Willardeslond with the rents belonging thereto in the parishes of Dalyngton and Bryzthling all of which John Sandregge of Bryzthling had held for the term of life of Alice Holte with reversion to the Abbat ; to hold in fee farm at the yearly rent of 3*s.* for all service. Dated in the Chapterhouse on St: Vincent's the Martyr's day, 6 H. 5.

377* 21 Oct. 1431 (?). John Reyner of Salherst to the Abbey.

Release for himself and heirs of all claim, present and future, to all the lands and tenements called Reynerslond in the parish of Salherst of the Abbey's tenure. In witness whereof he has affixed his seal. Dated at the Abbey on the day of the eleven thousand Virgins, 10 K. Henry.—*Witnesses :* John Vannere, William Whyton, John R: Wrton, William Stapylman, Thomas Frend.

A small *seal* attached.

378 28 Jan. 1433. Richard a Beche, son and heir of John a Beche of Sedelyscumbe, to John Yhamme of the Vill of Robertsbridge in the parish of Salhurst.

Release of all his right in a tenement and garden called Gresleyes-tenement in the vill of Robertsbridge. Dated at Salhurst 28 Jan: 11 H. 6.

Small *seal* attached.

379 15 April, 1435. John Abbat of Robertsbridge to Thomas Harry of the parish of Westefeld.

Grant in fee of a tenement called Sowthynne's tenement, consisting of 45 acres of arable and woodland in the parish of Westefeld of which Robert Carstrete of Salehurst was lately tenant at will ; subject to the yearly rent of 2*s.* 6*d.*, 2 hens or 6*d.* at Christmas, suit at his Court of Robertsbridge every 3 weeks or a fine of 4*d.* for each suit, heriot, and relief. Dated in the Chapterhouse, 15 Ap: 13 H. 6.—*Witnesses* : John Oxenbregge, John Fynhaghe, Tanner, John a Wyke senior, William Martyn, John a Grove.

Seal attached.

380 John Abbat of Robertsbridge to Thomas Whyton.

10 Jan. 1436.

Grant in fee of a tenement and 30 acres of land, more or less, in the parish of Iwherst, formerly held by William Stapylman of Iwherst; subject to the yearly payment of 4*s.* to the treasurer of the Abbey, 3*d.* to the sacrist, and a cock and 2 hens to the cellarer, and suit at the Court of Robertsbridge every 3 weeks or 8*d.* yearly as a fine for neglect. Dated at the Chapterhouse of Robertsbridge 10 Jan: 14 H. 6.—*Witnesses:* John Perys, John Oxenbregge, Simon Tomset, William Mexefet (?)

Small *seal*, a gem, attached.

381 King Henry to the Abbat.

17 July, 1437.

Royal Charter granted at the request of the communities of the kingdom made in the last Parliament, and with the assent of the lords spiritual and temporal in the same Parliament assembled, pardoning the Abbat and convent for all kinds of transgressions and offences committed before 2 Sep: 10 H. 6; and for all alienations, donations, and purchases made by them of lands and tenements held of him or any of his progenitors, Kings of England, in capite, and all alienations and purchases in mortmain made without license; remitting all fines and amerciaments, reliefs and scutages, and all demands he had against them before the day of his coronation, and all securities for peace; pardoning offences against the statute in receiving papal bulls, and releasing to them all jewels which had been deposited with them as security for war-loans, and for the expenses of the passage of the late King to the vill of Harflewe and parts of France and Normandy, unless the same be redeemed within a year of the 7th of March last; but upon this condition that the Abbat shall not put forward any further demands in respect of the late King's wars and journeys over and above what may be due to him for custody of the castle and vill of Calais, and the marches there in the late King's time. Tested at Westminster 17 July, 15 H. 6. [By the King in Parliament.]

Seal, the great seal of England, the same as that used by K. H. 4, and engraved on p. 244 of 'Sandford's History.'

382 Margery Tamworth of Robertsbridge, widow, to John Haylok.

20 May, 1450.

Grant in fee of a garden in the vill of Robertsbridge, late Thomas Bremleng's, adjoining abbey land called Totehurst on the south and west, the said John's land on the north, and the King's highway leading from Robertsbridge to Battle on the east, and which she and her late husband John Hemmyng bought of the said Thomas : To hold of the capital lords of the fee by the services due in respect thereof.—*Witnesses:* John Wynder, John Corsley, John Brykynden senior, John Craddok, John Iham. Dated 20 May, 28 H. 6.

Seal, a monogram, M.T.

383 Thomas Echyngham Lord of Echyngham to John Fuller and Alice his wife.

20 Oct. 1452.

Grant of a tenement in Saleherst, late John Dyne's, containing by estimation 14 acres, and lying on the south side of the cemetery of Saleherst church ; to hold for their lives of him and his heirs, subject to the yearly rent of 15*s.*, 2 capons at Easter, suit at his court of Saleherste, and heriot on the death of the said John and Alice. Dated 20 Oct: 31 H. 6.

Seal, a shield fretty.

384 William Abbat of Robertsbridge to John Whytyng, junior, and Robert Andrewe.

12 June, 1459.

Grant in fee of 2 tenements in Westfeld, one called Southyns tenement and containing by estimation 60 acres, and the other called Lucas tenement and containing by estimation 10 acres ; to hold of the Abbey subject to the yearly rent of 2*s.* 8*d.*, suit at his court of Robertsbridge whenever held, a heriot of 6*s.* 8*d.* on the death or quitting of every tenant, and a relief of the value of the rent upon the alienation of both or one of the tenements. Power of distress.—*Witnesses:* John a Grove, John a Wode, Thomas Martyn, Thomas Vynaw, John a Wyke. Dated in the Chapter-house 12 June, 37 H. 6.

One small *seal* of two remaining. Device a W surmounted by a crown.

385 28 June, 1465. Elen Heylok of London, widow, to John Heylok her son, of the parish of St: Martin's next Charing Cross and Westminster.

Appointment of John Heylok as her attorney with full powers to represent her for the purpose of regaining a tenement with barn annexed and 2 crofts lying in Robertsbrigge in the county of Sussex. Dated at London 28 June, 5 E. 4.

Small *seal* attached.

386 23 Sept. 1469. Thomas Echyngham knight, son and heir of Thomas Echyngham knight, deceased, and Lord of Echyngham, to John Westburn, John Valance, Robert Brabon, and Thomas Grove.

Grant in fee of all the tenement called Fullars tenement in Salherst, lying next the church there which John Fullar senior and Alice his wife, both now dead, lately held of him for life : to hold subject to the yearly rent to him and his heirs of 2 capons at Easter and 1 suit at his court of Salherst for all services. — *Witnesses:* Robert Ponte, John Pippesden, Richard Tyrell, Peter Waterman, John Stamden. Dated at Salherst 23 Sept: 9 E. 4.

Seal round, 1⅛ inch. A shield fretty surmounted by a helmet and mantling. Legend, 'Sigillum Thome Echyngham militis.'

387 10 Feb. 1474. Thomas Echyngham knight and Lord of Echyngham to the Monks.

Grant, in frankalmoign, of a parcel of land in Salherst called Wepeshale, adjoining lands of John Stamden and Robert Brabon to the west, lands of Richard Burkham to the east, a certain tenement late John Fullar's to the north, and a watercourse called Lymne to the south. Dated at Salherst 10 Feb: 13 E. 4.—*Witnesses:* Robert Oxenbregge esq:, Thomas Oxenbregge, Robert Brabon, Richard Burkham, Robert Ponte, William atte Rede, James Carre.

Seal the same as to No. 386.

388 John Standen of Salherst to Thomas Abbat of Robertsbridge.

14 Feb. 1474.

Release for himself and heirs of all his right in a parcel of land called Wepshale in the parish of Salherst, adjoining lands of his own and Robert Brabon to the west, lands of Richard Burkham to the east, a tenement once John Fuller's to the north, and a common watercourse called Lymne to the south, and of which the Abbat is possessed in frankalmoign by grant of Thomas Echyngham, knight. Dated 14 Feb: 13 E. 4.

A small *seal* attached.

389 Thomas Abbat of Robertsbridge to Thomas Fynawe.

8 May, 1474.

Grant in fee of 10 acres of land called Partlyngton lying above the denne of Partlyngton in Westfeld, and which Thomas Harry held of the Abbey in neifty ; subject to a yearly rent of 4*d.*, suit at his court of Robertsbridge, 3*s.* as heriot on the death or quitting of every tenant, and 4*d.* for relief on alienation. Dated in the Chapterhouse, 8 May, 14 E. 4.

A small *seal*, broken, attached.

390 Thomas Abbat of Robertsbridge to Thomas Grove of Bodyham.

16 March, 1476.

Grant in fee of 3 parcels of brookland (*brocalis*) in Bodyham and Ewherst, on either side of the salt stream next Bodyham bridge on the east ; adjoining the bank of Bodyham mill pond to the north, a watercourse leading from '*le melshote*' of Bodyham to the said salt stream to the east, land of George Pers and the garden belonging to a neif's messuage called Taveners, in which Peter Cloket now dwells, to the south, and neif lands belonging to the said messuage and '*le flote*' of Bodyham to the west, and which parcels were anciently called Frerynmede and contain by estimation 8 acres of land, more or less ; all right in the said salt stream reserved. Also a grant of land 12 feet wide and materials for making a road to the same premises. The whole to be held subject to the yearly rent of 4*d.* and 2 suits at his court of Robertsbridge for all services. Dated

in the Chapterhouse, 16 Mar: 16 E. 4.—*Witnesses:* George Pers, Nicholas a Lye, John Mandby.

A small *seal*, thereon a monogram, attached.

391 William Abbat of Robertsbridge to Thomas Grove of Bodyham.

27 Dec. 1486.

Grant of a messuage and garden and 2 parcels of land containing by estimation 2 acres lying in the parish of Ewhurst and tything of Stretfeld next Bodyham bridge, called Swyfte, and which John Swyfte once held of the Abbey in bondage; to hold subject to the yearly rent of 2*s*., 2 suits a year at his court of Robertsbridge or a fine of 2*d*. for each suit, and a heriot of 12*d*. on death, for all service: appointment of John Mattey as his attorney to give possession. Dated in the Chapterhouse, 27 Dec: 2 H. 7.

A small *seal*, a monogram, attached.

392 Thomas Abbat of Robertsbridge to John Hayes.

15 March, 1478.

Grant, in fee, of a messuage and garden adjacent in Robertsbridge, containing by estimation 1 acre, more or less, which Richard Alayn once held of the Abbey in bondage, and being 42 feet wide along the king's highway in its eastern boundary, and 46 feet wide in its western boundary where it adjoins a meadow called Westpelmede; on the north adjoining a public path (*venell:*) which is between the said messuage and garden and lands late John Wyndar's, and on the south another public path between the same messuage and garden and lands of Thomas Upton and Richard Keneward; to hold subject to the yearly rent of 14½*d*., suit at his court at Robertsbridge every 3 weeks, and 6*s*. 8*d*. for heriot on death, for all services. Dated in the Chapterhouse 15 Mar: 18 E. 4.—*Witnesses:* Martin Bras, John Ensyng, Thomas Westburn.

A small *seal* attached: a monogram formed of a cross and an S.

393 Richard Gildford esq: to Thomas Grove, Robert Braban, and John Smyth.

20 April, 1480.

Grant in fee of 300 acres of marsh in Playden, adjoining lands of the Archbishop of Canterbury on the east, lands of Robertsbridge Abbey on the north, and lands of the said Richard Gyld-

ford on the south and west, all which together with other marsh lands he had obtained under Royal license by gift of the Abbey; appointment of John Clerk as his attorney for giving possession. Dated at Playden 20 Ap: 20 E. 4.— *Witnesses:* John Oxenbregge, Henry Walter, John Schodewell, John Herward, Richard Petynden.

Seal round, 1⅛ inch. A shield quarterly, in the 1st and 4th quarters a saltire between 4 . . . ; the shield surmounted by helmet and mantling and for crest, a chapeau with feather erect. Legend, 'S: Ricardi Gildford Armig:.'

394 3 Sept. 1483. John Valance, Robert Brabon, and Thomas Grove to William Abbat of Robertsbridge.

Grant in fee of all that tenement called Fullar's tenement in Salherst lying next the church there, and which they together with John Westburn, now dead, had of the gift of Thomas Echyngham, knight, son and heir of the late Thomas Echyngham, knight; to hold of the capital lord of the fee by the services due in respect thereof. Appointment of John Motey and Robert Baseley as attornies for giving possession. Dated at Salherst 3 Sep: 1 R. 3.— *Witnesses:* Richard Burkham, John Smyth, John Goodgrove, Thomas Bett, Thomas Clerk.

Three small *seals* attached.

395 10 Oct. 1483. William Abbat of Robertsbridge to John Amyot of Sedlyscombe.

Grant in fee of 2 tenements at Alkysford in Sedlyscombe, containing by estimation 68 acres of arable and wood land, adjoining the King's highway leading from Sedeliscombe to Bredehey on the west and north, lands of the heirs of Richard Hukstepe called Worth on the east, and lands of the heirs of John Oxenbregg on the south, of which 2 tenements one was formerly John Hunt Trolbell's and the other John Edney's. Also of 2 parcels of land in the same parish called Hothlands, lying on either side of a certain path leading from Alkysford to 'le Galowes' of Horn, and adjoining the King's highway on the south, lands of the heirs of Richard Hukstepe on the east and west, and lands of Thomas Byschoppe's and lands called Le Horn on the north, containing by estimation

24 acres more or less and lately held of the Abbey by Robert Bourner by copy of court roll: to hold subject to the yearly rent of 10*s.* 8*d.*, a heriot of 6*s.* 8*d.* on the death of every tenant change of tenancy or alienation, and relief, and 2 suits of court a year at Robertsbridge or a fine of 3*d.* for each default. Dated in the Chapterhouse 10 Oct: 1 R. 3.—*Witnesses:* Thomas Byschoppe, Alexander Byschoppe, Richard Schypperd.

Attached is a *seal* sewed up in leather.

396 30 April, 1501. John Smyth of Robertsbridge.

An indenture of this date, being the last will of John Smith, by which he gives the Abbat of Robertsbridge his successors and assigns a meadow of 4 acres in Salherst adjoining abbey lands on the south, lands late Robert Sever's(?) on the south-east, lands of William Petyr on the north, and the said abbey lands on the west; and directs his feoffees Edward Guldeforde, George Guldeforde, Nicholas Guldeforde, William Fynch, John Assborneham, George Mercer, Thomas Ensynge and John Mottey to give possession and seizin when and as required; the Abbat and his successors to pay the accustomed rent and services due to the capital lord of the fee, and one part of the indenture is to remain with them and the other with the feoffees.—*Witnesses:* John Westbourne, John Norman, John Goodgrome, Robert Eston, Richard Petter, John Ladde, George Culpepyr, Thomas Cowt notary public by apostolic authority.

A small *seal* attached.

397 10 Oct. 1501. John Abbat of Robertsbridge and Richard Brokysbe clerk, Dean of St: Mary's Chapel in the Castle of Hastings.

Agreement by which the Abbat promises to pay the said Richard or his chaplains, so long as Richard shall be dean there, the yearly sum of 4 marks, beginning at Easter next, for the celebration of services in the chapel, in satisfaction of all claims there might be against him in respect of his pension to the deanery or chapel of Hastings. Dated 10 Oct: 1501.

Seal oval, $1\frac{3}{8}$ inch. A ship on the sea. Legend?

398 8 Aug. 1511. John Abbat of Robertsbridge to the Mayor and Community of the Vill and Port of Rie.

Grant in fee of a piece of land called Newlondesgarden in Playden lately held by John Tresgeugh, adjoining a mount there called *le melbeigh* and a road leading to it on the east, lands of George Mercer, late William Parnell's, on the south, the king's highway on the west, and a pathway leading from the said highway to Goldhopemell on the north ; subject to the yearly rent of 12*d.* of usual English money. Appointment of George Mercer as attorney to give possession and seizin. Dated 8 Aug: 3 H. 8, Nicholas Sutton being then Mayor of Rie.

Seal round and perfect, 3 inches. A ship in full sail, on the poop a man in armour standing and holding a standard, thereon a cross. Legend, 'Sigill: vill: Baronum de Rya.' Reverse: A Virgin and Child under a Gothic canopy ; in the rear a church with Gothic window and clerestory. Legend, 'Ave Maria gratia plena dns tecum benedicta tu in mulieribus.'

398* 12 March, 1513. John Prior of St: Pancras, Lewes, to William Abbat of Robertsbridge.

Receipt for 23*s.* 4*d.* in full payment for relief and heriot due of ancient custom on vacation by death or otherwise in respect of his land of Posyngworth in Waldern, as appears by a composition dated 16th Feb: 1333. Acknowledgment that it has been paid by George Mercer the Abbat's proctor, and that the Abbat and his successors are quit. Sealed 12 Mar: 4 H. 8. Signed by John Prior of Lewes.

Seal oval, 1¼ inch, a fragment : in a Gothic niche an upright figure draped about the middle holding a staff in each hand. 'Legend, '. . . . . Lewen:.'

398** 15 Sept. 1534. Prebend of Saleherst.

Letters of Robert Bishop of Chichester, by which, after reciting that the prebend of Saleherst, otherwise the prebend of Saleherst and Udymer, in the free chapel of the Castle of Hastings, had been in time past appropriated to the monastery of Robertsbridge, and that a perpetual vicarage had been founded in the said church of Udymer, but that there were doubts as to the endowment of the said vicarage—he decrees with the assent and consent of the Abbat

and convent patrons thereof, that in lieu of the endowments hitherto made by them, it shall be newly endowed as follows: 8 librates sterling to be paid by the Abbey by quarterly instalments to the perpetual vicar out of the receipts of the church of Udymer for his support; the said vicar to be entitled to all and singular the tithes, parson's oblations, offerings of the people, mortuaries, fees for marriages, churching of women, exequies, and roll of Sunday prayers, and all other emoluments, together with 7 acres of land known of old as vicarage land; the Abbey to rebuild at its own expense within a year a house fit for the vicarage there, and which is assigned to the vicar for the time being for residence; the vicar for the time being to undertake the cure of souls of the parishioners, divine services, the administration of sacraments and offices of a sacramental nature, and synodal payments, to find bread and wine and wax for the services of the church, and to keep in repair the vicarage house at his own expense; all other burdens ordinary and extraordinary affecting the church (excepting tithes and royal subsidies for which the vicar is to be responsible) are to be discharged by the Abbey. Executed in triplicate and the several parts are to be preserved in the said monastery, the chapterhouse of Chichester, and the custody of the said vicar respectively; dated in the bishop's manor of Aldyngbourne 15 Sep: 1534, in the 26th year of his translation.

Confirmation by Thomas Abbat of Robertsbridge for himself and his successors, dated in the Chapterhouse of the monastery 22 Sep: 1534.

The document is signed 'Rob: Cicest:'.

Seal oval, only a fragment. A Gothic niche in 3 compartments, in the first of which is a priest standing and holding in his left hand a pastoral staff, and in the second a figure, of which the crowned head only remains.

399
7 July, 1535.

Edward Elryngton Esquyer to Thomas Abbat of Robertsbridge.

Receipt (in English) for the sum of £70 given him in consideration of his release of all his right in the patronage of the parsonage of the church of Udymer, and in the patronage of the vykerage of the same church, and in the church of Udymer, and the glebe

lands to the same perteynyng, and acknowledgment that he is fully satisfied therewith.

Signed and sealed: on the *seal* a shield, thereon, between 5 herons, a fess dancette charged with as many roundles.

400 24 Sept. 1537. Thomas Abbat of Robertsbridge to William Pooke of Robertsbridge.

Counterpart grant of a tenement with garden annexed called 'le Bulle' in Robertsbridge street, and a barn and piece of land adjacent called 'le Bulloksfayerfeld' lying in the parish of Saleherste and tything of Robertsbridge, containing by estimation 4 acres, more or less, all of which premises were lately held by the said William of the Abbey by copy of court roll of the manor of this name; reserving to the grantor and his successors the profit of the field for three days in the year, the vigil, the day, and the morrow of the feast of the exaltation of the Holy Cross, being the days set apart of old for holding the fair. To hold the said premises to William his heirs and assigns of the Abbey, subject to the yearly rent of 4*s.* 4*d.* payable half-yearly at Lady-day and Michaelmas, suit of court every 3 weeks, heriot and relief. Power of distress, warranty, and appointment of Henry Upton as attorney to give seizin. Dated in the Chapterhouse of the Abbey 24 Sep: in the year of the reign of our Lord Henry VIII., by the grace of God, of England and France King, Defender of the Faith, Lord of Ireland, and on earth, under Christ, of the English Church supreme head, 29.

A small round *seal* attached.

ROLLS.

1 A rental without date of the abbey's tenements in the parishes of Sandherst, Henynden, and Rulvynden. 1 skin (beginning of 14th century).

2 Rental, without date, giving the names of tenants of the abbey lands in Robertsbridge, Stretfeld, Hothleye, Bethenerse, and Pirifeld, and also of lands in Kent. 1 skin (temp. Edw. 2).

3 Robertsbridge Court Rolls for the period between Wednesday the morrow of the Epiphany 11 E. 3 and Thursday next after the feast of St: Lucy the Virgin, 12 E. 3 (7 Jan:–17 Dec: 1338). 10 skins.

3* A membrane of a roll of 22 E. 3 measuring 6 in. × 11 in., being a terrier of the manor of Todehurst and a rental of Frythwynesland.

4 A portion of a cartulary on a skin, 14 inches × 21 inches, comprising Nos. 290, 292, 327, 333, and 339 (temp. Edw. 3).

5 Compotus of brother John Othawy, Bursar, from the feast of St: John the Baptist, 5 H. 5 to the same feast 6 H. 5 (24 June, 1417–24 June, 1418). Roll of 4 sheets of paper.

6 Rental (date illegible) of abbey lands in the dens of Mapysden, Osynden, and Ukley. Two skins tacked together: (probably temp. Hen. 6).

7 Maplesden Court Rolls for period between 7 May, 21 H. 6 (1443), and 24 Nov: 1445.
Do. for 1 E. 4.
Do. for period between 6 Mar: 13 E. 4 (1473), and 18 Feb: 2 H. 7 (1505), in all 3 skins.

8 Rental of Abbey lands in Robertsbridge, Farlegh, Hodlegh, Peryfeld, and Stretfeld, for the year 49 H. 6 ; total £30 6*s.* 7*d.* 2 skins tacked together.

9 Roll of the names of the tenants of the manor of Robertsbridge and the relief due from each 1 R. 3.——6 H. 7. 3 sheets of paper tacked together.

10 Robertsbridge Court Rolls from 8 Aug: 14 H. 7 (1499), to 23 June, 17 H. 7 (1502). 7 skins.

11 Rental of Veloden in Hawkherst, made 4 Nov: 8 H. 8 (1516). 1 small skin.

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